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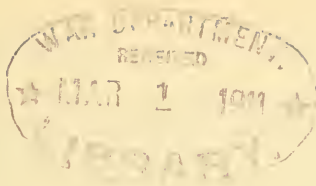
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FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION
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WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,

Department of Illinois, Auxiliary to the G. A. R.,

HELD AT

DECATUR, ILL., JANUARY 30 & 31, 1884.

Pursuant to an invitation from the W. R. C. of Rockford, Elgin, Decatur, Henry and Palestine, five corps in number, and acting under authority of the National W. R. C., Mrs. W. L. Holbrooke, of Toledo, Ohio, President of the Department of the W. R. C. of that State, met delegates from the five organizations first above named, at Decatur, on the 30th day of January, 1884, for the purpose of forming a State Department of the W. R. C. for Illinois.

Meeting opened in due form, Mrs. W. L. Holbrooke, of Toledo, Ohio, presiding.

Mrs. Sallie J. Steele, of Decatur, was chosen Secretary.

Mrs. Holbrooke read articles of interest to W. R. C.

Mrs. Julia G. Sine, of Rockford, read an article describing the objects and purposes of the organization, after which a Committee on Credentials was appointed, consisting of Mrs. Julia G. Sine, of Rockford, Mrs. Sylvia M. Diehl, of Henry, and Mrs. Leaverton, of Palestine.

Ladies were given the privilege of asking questions concerning the affairs of the Corps.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Committee on Credentials made their report, in accordance with which the following ladies were admitted as delegates:

Nerius' Corps, No. 1, Rockford.—Mrs. Julia G. Sine, Mrs. Emma Hale, Mrs. Hiller, Mrs. Lottie Rockwell, Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Manney, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Woodruff and Miss Minnie Owen.

Lookout Mountain Corps, No. 2, Henry.—Mrs. Sylvia M. Diehl.

Veteran Corps, No. 3, Elgin.—Not represented.

Dunham Corps, No. 4, Decatur.—Mrs. Emeline Trobridge, Mrs. Sarah Durfee, Mrs. Emma Sneick, Mrs. Sallie J. Steel and Miss Maggie Crissey.

Alfred Harrison Corps, No. 5, Palestine.—Mrs. Rose Hackett, Mrs. Leaverton.

FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION OF

Mrs. Holbrooke declared the election of officers in order, and the following ladies were chosen to fill the several offices for the ensuing year:

Department President, MRS. JULIA G. SINE, Rockford, Ill.

Department Senior Vice President, MRS. SARAH FREEMAN, Palestine, Ill.

Department Junior Vice President, MRS. SYLVIA M. DREHL, Henry, Ill.

Department Secretary, MISS MINNIE OWEN, Rockford, Ill.

Department Treasurer, MRS. MARY SANDERS, Rockford, Ill.

Department Chaplain, MRS. EMMA SNEICK, Decatur, Ill.

Department Conductor, MRS. SALLIE J. STEELE, Decatur, Ill.

Department Guard, MRS. R. O. OLMSTEAD, Henry, Ill.

Department Inspector, MRS. AGNES BUSH, Henry, Ill.

Delegates to the National Convention, to be held at Minneapolis, Minn.:—Mrs. Emma Hale, Rockford; Mrs. Laura Cox, Decatur. *Alternates,* Mrs. Libbie Lytle, Decatur; Mrs. Lizzie Young, Henry.

A Visiting Committee from the G. A. R. Encampment was admitted, consisting of Comrades R. J. Oglesby, J. A. McClelland, R. B. Beath, Commander in Chief, and others, who tendered their regards to the ladies and expressed the opinion that the organization of the W. R. C. is an omen of great good; that the G. A. R. stand in need of the co-operation of all loyal ladies; that as year upon year advances, the number of old soldiers grows smaller, and those living grow more feeble, and the responsibility becomes greater, thereby affording a wider field for labors of charity.

Instances were given by Commander Beath of persons who had, in their dying moments, expressed deepest gratitude to the G. A. R. for kindly assistance rendered them in their hours of need.

Mrs. Holbrooke explained in a pleasing manner the status of our organization, explaining that we recognize the G. A. R. as our head, and ask to be permitted to aid them in their labors of charity. The Committee then retired.

An invitation was read from Chairman of the Local Committee to attend a reception at the Tabernacle, given by the citizens to the G. A. R., which was accepted.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 clock, to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Meeting opened in usual form, Mrs. Holbrooke in the chair.

Mrs. Anna E. Whitenieyer, Mrs. Catherine Emery, Mrs. Elmeda Barr, Mrs. Malinda Maddere and Mrs. Anna Barker were duly initiated as members of the Order.

Mrs. Holbrooke exemplified the Ritual, in order that the new members might become better acquainted with the workings of the Order. The subject of the secret work was discussed generally by delegates and members, Mrs. Holbrooke giving instructions in the same.

The question of admitting all loyal ladies was taken into consideration.

Many remarks favorable to the same were made, as there are loyal ladies in every community whose hearts are in sympathy with our work, and would gladly assist us in affording relief to needy soldiers, or widows and orphans of deceased soldiers, who are not mothers, wives, sisters or daughters of soldiers in the late war. This, however, was left for each Corps to decide for themselves.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Officers elect were duly installed, Mrs. Holbrooke officiating.

Mrs. Sine was conducted to her position in the chair, and with a heart almost too full for utterance, thanked the ladies for the honor they had bestowed upon her.

The other officers were conducted to their several stations.

Comrade S. A. Harper, Commander Department of Illinois, was introduced and made a few remarks of encouragement for the ladies, for which they extended him a vote of thanks.

Mrs. Sine appointed as Finance Committee Mrs. Beebe, of Elgin; Mrs. Manney, of Rockford; Miss Maggie Crissy, of Decatur; after which she gave the Department pass-word.

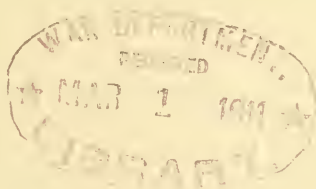
There being no further business before the Convention, the meeting adjourned, all feeling that we had a pleasant as well as a profitable meeting.

Time and place of next meeting not decided upon.

Department Headquarters at Rockford, Ill.

MRS. W. L. HOLBROOKE, President.

MRS. SALLIE J. STEELE, Secretary.



SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,

Department of Illinois, Auxiliary to the G. A. R.,

HELD AT

PEORIA, ILLINOIS, FEBRUARY 25, 1885.

Convention opened with Mrs. Julia G. Sine, Department President, in the chair.

The report of Department President was then offered, followed by Secretary's Report, then Treasurer's and First Assistant Installing Officer's.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Members of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Illinois.

I bid you welcome to this, our first annual meeting, and I trust every delegate fully realizes the importance of the occasion and will give her utmost attention to the work before us. Almost strangers, we are called together to perfect the grand work we have undertaken, and hope each delegate will take an active part and feel at liberty to fully and freely express herself on all topics that may come up for discussion in the convention, and let all arguments be in the spirit of charity, so that when the work for which we have assembled here is done, that we may all look back to this, our first annual convention, with pride and pleasure.

When, by your votes one year ago, you honored me with the office of President of this Department I told you words could not express my feelings. I knew the position would be a trying one, and fully realized the responsibility devolving upon me and my inability to perform the duties that would be expected of me. I now ask you to throw the mantle of charity upon any errors that I have made.

You to-day expect me to give you an account of the affairs committed to my charge. I will give as briefly as possible a synopsis of the work accomplished, and progress made. I think the year has been one of prosperity for the Department.

After the convention one year ago, returning to our homes discussing ways and means to further the objects of this worthy cause, and how to meet the demands for supplies, as we had but five dollars in the treasury (and that was a loan), through the kind suggestion of Mrs. Holbrooke, of Toledo, O., we were able to devise a plan whereby the means were raised. I was often discouraged, as the months had passed and no applications came for organization of corps. The old adage truly says, "The darkest hour is just before the dawn." On Thursday, April 7, the cloud burst, and there appeared a silver lining. We had received a call to form a Relief Corps at Monmouth, Ill. More applications followed in quick succession until we now number twenty complete organizations, with a total membership of 752 true and loyal women, bound together in this noble work. This result has been obtained by persevering efforts attended by considerable expense and time during the year. I have written in the interest of this Department 210 letters, and traveled 2,827 miles. I have issued two General and one Special Orders. In July I attended the National Convention held at Minneapolis, and there obtained many valuable hints, as to the method of prosecuting the work in hand. One of the principal topics of discussion at that time was the admission of all loyal women into our Order. It was discussed pro and con and was won by a large majority. Many other interesting topics were brought up before the convention, which might perhaps be interesting here, but time and patience will not allow.

Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, our National Senior Vice President, on her return from Minneapolis, visited the Department at Rockford, and gave some valuable instructions in the work. Also advised Department Secretary and myself to visit the corps then in the State. Acting upon her advice, the 17th of August we started to visit the different auxiliaries. We found all corps in good working order, and were everywhere kindly received. In several places camp fires were held in the evening, where we met the comrades, who gave the Woman's Relief Corps encouragement in the work we were engaged in. While on this trip we instituted and installed two corps, Chillicothe and Peoria. We hope our trip was not in vain.

I would like to make a few suggestions here. First, the per capita tax was last year unavoidably high, on account of the financial condition of the Department. Our National President, Kate B. Sherwood, suggested that the Finance Committee make this tax not less than fifteen cents. They therefore placed it at fifteen cents. As the Department is now on a good financial basis, I would suggest that the tax be reduced to ten cents, at least, for the coming year. Our National President recommends that a "Ten Cent Fund" be established by the Woman's Relief Corps, and as we are now in convention assembled, it would not be unwise to act upon the matter. I would therefore suggest that we contribute our mite to the needs of these ladies spoken of, Ella Carrol, Mother Bickerdye, and all army nurses that have given their services to their country, and now in need, turn to us for help. I would also call attention to Article XII in General Order No. 2.—"That each Department elect an honorary member annually from the G. A. R." I would recommend that we elect one from

the ranks of the Grand Army. The Past National President, Florence E. Barker, and some others, deem it advisable to have an "Advisory Board" to assist the President in making decisions in important matters that may arise. I think it quite necessary for this Department to have such a Board.

In closing, I would say that my official relations with each officer has been of the pleasantest character. I wish to thank each one for words of encouragement. I wish to thank those who have assisted the Department in forming corps—to Commanders who have assisted as Installing Officers. I particularly thank the Senior Vice President and Secretary for their assistance, support and furtherance in all duties devolving upon us.

I trust that in whose ever hands the affairs of this Department may be committed the same help and generous support may be given her that has been rendered to me in the past; and may she be guided by the Great Commander to administer the affairs to the better advancement of the Department. May the old soldiers of Illinois ever find ready hands and willing hearts to co-operate with them in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

JULIA G. SINE, Department President.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT.

DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS W. R. C.,

AUXILIARY TO THE G. A. R.,

ROCKFORD, ILL., Feb. 25, 1885.

Mrs. President, Officers and Members of Women's Relief Corps:

In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of our Order, I have the honor to submit the first annual report of the Secretary of the Department of Illinois, W. R. C.

In November, 1883, anticipating the organization of a Department in Illinois, Kate B. Sherwood, then National Senior Vice President, appointed Mrs. Julia G. Sine, President, G. L. Nevins Corps No. 1, Rockford, as instituting and Installing Officer for the State of Illinois.

A call was issued in December, appointing a meeting of representatives of five corps, to be held at Decatur, January 30 and 31, 1884, for the purpose of organizing the Department of Illinois, W. R. C.

Mrs. Lois F. S. Holbrooke, the Chaplin of Forsythe Corps, of Toledo, Ohio, was present at the meeting and presided.

During the first day's session, a Visiting Committee of G. A. R., was admitted, consisting of Comrades R. J. Oglesby, J. A. McClelland, Philip Sidney Post, R. B. Beath, and others, who tendered their regards to the ladies and expressed the opinion that the organization of the W. R. C. is an omen of great good; that they stand in need of the co-operation of all loyal women; that as year after year advances, the number of old soldiers grow less, and those living grow more feeble, the responsibility grows greater, giving a wider field for charity.

Mrs. Holbrooke explained in a pleasing manner the state of our organization, after which the committee retired.

An election of Department officers was held with the following result:

President, Mrs. Julia G. Sine, Rockford.

S. V. P., Mrs. Sallie Freeman, Palestine.

J. V. P., Mrs. Sylvia M. Diehl, Henry.

Secretary, Miss Minnie Owen, Rockford.

Treasurer, Mrs. Mary E. Sanders, Rockford.

Inspector, Mrs. Agnes Bush, Henry.

Chaplain, Mrs. Emma Sneick, Decatur.

Conductor, Mrs. Sallie J. Steele, Decatur.

Guard, Mrs. Amanda Olmstead, Henry.

Department Headquarters were established at Rockford.

These officers were installed by Mrs. Holbrooke in a very impressive manner.

We experienced many vexations, and it was not until late in September that we were supplied with everything needful for Department Headquarters.

Three General Orders have been issued by National President, which were promulgated through this Department.

In May, a price list of supplies was issued enclosed in circular letter from Department Commander Dickason; these were sent every post in the G. A. R. in Illinois.

It was deemed advisable for the Secretary to hold and issue all supplies.

GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

The extension of the Order by corps in this Department has exceeded our most sanguine anticipations. Supplies have been issued to fifteen corps since February 1, 1884.

The consolidated yearly report for this Department is as follows:

1st Qr. In good standing at last report,	-	-	-	-	-	236
Gain during the quarter by initiation	-	-	-	-	-	18
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	254
Loss during quarter,	-	-	-	-	-	15
Remaining in good standing,	-	-	-	-	-	239
Expended in charity during quarter,	-	-	-	-	\$63 04	
2d. Qr. In good standing at last report,	-	-	-	-	-	239
Gain by initiation,	-	-	-	-	-	36
Gain by institution of corps,	-	-	-	-	-	126
Total gain,	-	-	-	-	-	401
Loss during quarter,	-	-	-	-	-	6
Remaining in good standing,	-	-	-	-	-	395
Expended in charity,	-	-	-	-	\$ 108 98	
3d Qr. In good standing at last report,	-	-	-	-	-	395
Gain by initiation,	-	-	-	-	-	65
Gain by institution of corps,	-	-	-	-	-	120
Total gain,	-	-	-	-	-	580

Loss during quarter, - - - - -	14
Remaining in good standing, - - - - -	566
Expended in charity, - - - - -	\$130 26
Turned over to posts, - - - - -	25 00
Relief fund on hand, - - - - -	1,116 79
General fund on hand, - - - - -	98 63
1th Qr. In good standing at last report, - - - - -	566
Gain by initiation, - - - - -	50
Gain by institution of corps, - - - - -	50
	666
Loss during quarter, - - - - -	4
Remaining, - - - - -	662

CORPS ORGANIZED UP TO DATE:

Darvean No. 16, Morris, Ill., - - - - -	47
A. E. Burnside No. 17, South Chicago, - - - - -	29
Henry Longenecker No. 19, Robinson, - - - - -	11
	752
Amount spent in relief - - - - -	\$149 97
Turned over to Post, - - - - -	130 00
Amount of money expended for relief year, - - - - -	449 25
Amount of Relief fund on hand, - - - - -	998 02
General fund on hand, - - - - -	144 22

SUPPLIES ISSUED DURING YEAR ARE:

Rituals, - - - - -	112	Records, - - - - -	14
Officers' badges, - - - - -	52	Ledgers, - - - - -	11
Floor Badges, - - - - -	528	By-laws, - - - - -	14
Rules and regulations, - - - - -	507	Receipts, - - - - -	16
Ode cards, - - - - -	498	Due Receipts, - - - - -	16
Good and welfare, - - - - -	253	Order, - - - - -	14
Transfers, - - - - -	31	Blank, - - - - -	7
Discharges, - - - - -	38	Electrotype Dies, - - - - -	3
Installation services, - - - - -	32	Quarterly Reports, - - - - -	170
Applications for membership, - - - - -	489	Election Returns, - - - - -	30
\$75.00 worth of supplies on hand.			

To answer all the questions which would naturally arise in such a new work, called for such lengthy letters from the Secretary that by advice of Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, then National Secretary, printed instructions were sent every corps President.

It has been my aim and object to answer all letters promptly, and do all in my power to further the interests of this organization. I have failed many times, and can only hope the members of this convention may cast the mantle of charity over all my mistakes and faults.

Last April this Department was presented with \$75 from the Department of Illinois, G. A. R., for which grateful thanks are due. Also to J. L. Bennett, Assistant Adjutant General, and Past Department Commander T. G. Lawler and Judge Advocate R. E. Crawford, for kind words of advice and cheer.

I would, in behalf of Department President and self, thank the officers and

members of the several corps, also comrades of the G. A. R., for courtesies shown us on our trip of inspection last August.

With you, Mrs. President and Department Treasurer, my official relations have been of the friendliest. Together we have passed many pleasant hours trying to devise ways and means of furthering the interests of the Order in this State, and I desire to express my sincere thanks for aid and encouragement, and for confidence and trust bestowed upon me.

To the members of this convention, I would say that I appreciate your kindly forbearance with me, and I shall ever hold each and every member, as among my truest and most trusted friends.

Let us ever remember the glorious motto of our Order: "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty." The Charity of the Grand Army and the Relief Corps is the golden link which binds Fraternity and Loyalty, and makes the link as strong as loving hands, and grateful hearts, welded together with consecrated lives and daily sacrifices, can make it.

MINNIE M. KYLE, Department Secretary.

DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mrs. Julia G. Sine, Department President:

As required by Rules and Regulations of our Order, I have the honor to submit herewith a statement of the work of the Department Treasurer for the year ending January 31, 1885:

Received on Assessment for Department Charter,	-	-	-	\$ 16 72
Received for Charter Fees,	-	-	-	60 17
Received for Supplies for Subordinate Corps,	-	-	-	312 55
Received for Per Capita Tax,	-	-	-	362 12
Received from Dept. of Illinois G. A. R.,	-	-	-	72 00
Total,	-	-	-	\$823 56
Expended for Printing,	-	-	-	\$ 26 92
Expended for Department Headquarters,	-	-	-	45 40
Expended for Supplies for Subordinate Corps,	-	-	-	226 42
Expended for Expenses of Instituting Corps,	-	-	-	177 33
Expended for Stationery, Postage and Incidentals,	-	-	-	230 52
Total,	-	-	-	\$706 59
Cash on Hand,	-	-	-	\$109 97
Money Due National Headquarters,	-	-	-	104 89
Money Due from Subordinate Corps,	-	-	-	33 89

MARY E. SANDERS, Department Treasurer.

This was followed by the appointment of Committees on

Reception.—Mrs. Mann, Peoria; Mrs. Schnieppf, Peoria; Mrs. Gragg, Peoria.

Credentials.—Mrs. Stahl, Bloomington; Mrs. Townsend, Henry; Mrs. Kyle, Rockford.

Reports of Officers.—Mrs. Phillips, Bloomington; Mrs. Holtzman, Pontiac; Mrs. Manahan, Elgin; Mrs. Olmsted, Henry.

Resolutions.—Mrs. Steele, Decatur; Mrs. Van Alstyne, Rockford; Mrs. Beebe, Elgin; Mrs. Harral, Aurora.

Convention adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 P. M. Convention opened in due form.

Roll call of officers resulted as follows:

President, JULIA G. SINE,	-	-	-	-	Present.
Senior Vice President, SALLIE FREEMAN,	-	-	-	-	Absent.
Junior Vice President, SYLVIA M. DIEHL,	-	-	-	-	Present.
Secretary, MINNIE M. KYLE,	-	-	-	-	Present.
Treasurer, MARY E. SANDERS,	-	-	-	-	Present.
Inspector, AGNES BUSH,	-	-	-	-	Present.
Conductor, SALLIE J. STEELE,	-	-	-	-	Present.
Guard, AMANDA OLNSTEAD,	-	-	-	-	Present.

[Chaplain filled by appointment of the Chair.]

Report of Committee on Credentials was announced by Department President, and read by Department Secretary as follows:

DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS W. R. C.,
PEORIA, Feb. 25, 1885.

To Department Convention:

The Committee on Credentials, appointed by Department President, respectfully report that they have carefully examined the returns from the several corps, as required by R. and R., and the certificates of election of delegates and alternates, and find the following to be a correct List Roll of the Convention.

Signed, MINNIE M. KYLE.

BETSY TOWNSEND.

G. L. NEVIUS CORPS, No. 1, ROCKFORD.

Organized May 9, 1883.

Mrs. Julia G. Sine, President.

Delegates—Mary E. Van Alstyne, H. G. Norton, Matt Manny, Mary Mitchell, Delia Johnson, Julia Ellison, Sophie Spaulding.

Alternates—Marella C. Baldevis, Maggie Lockwood, Mary Bell, Lon. Hiller, Mattie Woodruff, Helen Roberts, Carrie Kingsley.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, No. 2, HENRY.

Organized October 6, 1883.

Lizzie Young, President. Nellie Hoagland, S. V. President.

Betsy Townsend, Past President.

Delegates—H. R. Hunt. *Alternate*—J. R. Newman.

VETERAN, No. 3, ELGIN.

Organized September 22, 1883.

Mrs. Angie C. Beebe, President. Mrs. Mary Briggs, S. V. President.

Delegates—Nellie R. Manahan, Cynthia Seaman, Mary M. Briggs.

Alternates—Maggie McDowell, Amanda Sexton, Rachel Taylor.

DUNHAM, No. 4, DECATUR.

Organized Jan. 1, 1884.

Maggie Crissey, President. Annie Hoffing, S. V. President.

Emeline Trowbridge, Past President.

Delegates—Mira Mark, Fanny Burch.*Alternates*—Annie Hoffing, A. C. Kefley.

ALFRED HARRISON, No. 5, PALESTINE.

Organized January 18, 1884.

Delilah A. Leaverton, President. Hattie Wilson, S. V. President.

Delegates—Lyda Anderson, Ellen J. Newlin.*Alternates*—Ida B. Newlin, Emma Longberg.

McCLANAHAN, No. 6, MONMOUTH.

Organized April 7, 1884.

E. J. Herdman, President. Ruth Ray, S. V. President.

D. D. Dunkle, Director.

Delegate—Anna Ely. *Alternate*—D. D. Dunkle.

BLOOMINGTON, No. 7, BLOOMINGTON.

Organized April 17, 1884.

Fleta C. Stahl, President. Kate Atkinson, S. V. President.

Frances B. Phillips, Director.

Delegates—Sade Rowley, Dora Meyers, Abbie Holmes, Mary Ferguson.*Alternates*—Mec Terry, Sarah Denison, Ada Carlton, Eva Ferguson.

COL. SHAW, No. 8, QUINCY.

Organized May 30, 1884.

Irene Haines, President. Fannie P. Monroe, S. V. President.

[No Delegates.]

AURORA, No. 10, AURORA.

Organized July 15, 1884.

Clara W. Harral, President. Lizzie Hubbard, S. V. President.

Mary Hawley, Director.

Delegates—Roseltha Franks, Lida Case.*Alternates*—Lizzie Hubbard, Emma Zimmer.

J. F. FRENCH, No. 11, PRINCEVILLE.

Organized July 22, 1884.

Carrie Wilson, President. Dora Cannan, S. V. President.

Sarah Garrison, Past President. Sarah Garrison, Director.

Delegates—Jennie R. Moffit, Mrs. Keller.*Alternates*—Kate Shane, Emily Smith.

SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION OF

BRYNER, No. 12, PEORIA.

Organized Aug. 12, 1884.

Marian A. Mann, President. Ellie Campbell, S. V. President.

Helen Eastman, Director.

Delegate—Ellen Ziegler. *Alternate*—Sue M. Simpson.

CHILlicothe, No. 13, CHILlicothe.

Organized August 13, 1884.

Ellen Hasselton, President. Emeline Thomas, S. V. President.

Emma McCulley, Director.

Delegate—Olive Clifton. *Alternate*—Emily Miller.

JOHN BROWN, No. 14, CHICAGO.

Organized September 26, 1884.

Louise Newsome, President. Hattie Reed, S. V. President.

Jennie Hulett, Director.

Delegate—Hattie Reed. *Alternate*—Eva Bond.

T. LYLE DICKEY, No. 15, PONTIAC.

Organized October 14, 1884.

Mary Holtzman, President. Serepta Heach, S. V. President.

DARVEAU, No. 16, MORRIS.

Organized Jan. 15, 1884.

Jennie Bross, President. Nettie Carter, S. V. President.

A. E. BURNSIDE, No. 17, SOUTH CHICAGO.

Organized February 11, 1885.

Mary C. Reynolds, President. Fannie M. Webster, S. V. President.

HENRY LONGNECKER, No. 19, ROBINSON.

Organized February 3, 1885.

Amelia Olim, President. Lucy Harper, S. V. President.

PHILLIPS, No. 20, LITCHFIELD.

[Not represented.]

Following Roll Call the records of last Convention were read and approved. Guard announced Hannah P. Woodruff in the ante-room ready for initiation.

Motion made and seconded that Past Commander-in-Chief Van Dervoort remain and witness the same. Motion carried by a rising vote.

After initiation of Mrs. Woodruff, Comrade Van Dervoort, or "Sister Pauline," was introduced by Department President Mrs. Sine. He expressed great pleasure at meeting with the Illinois Department in Convention.

Motion to give Comrade Van Dervoort a vote of thanks for his words of encouragement. Seconded and carried.

Motion that all honors and prayers be given "Sister Pauline." Carried.

INTERMISSION FOLLOWED.

After a short intermission, Convention was called to order.

Communications being in order, a letter was read from Mortin, Ill.

Motion to lay Treasurer's report on the table until next morning. Carried.

Subject of admitting an honorary member in the Department was discussed, and by vote of Convention Capt. T. G. Lawler, of Rockford, was chosen.

Motion to make it unanimous. Carried.

Motion to appoint a Committee to wait on him. Carried.

President appointed as such Committee, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Wilmarth and Mrs. Manny.

Motion to adjourn until 9 A. M., to-morrow. Carried.

MORNING SESSION—SECOND DAY.

PEORIA, Feb. 26, 1885.

Convention was called to order at 9.30 A. M., Department President in the chair.

Minutes of the first day's session read and, with one correction, approved.

Treasurer's report read, and on motion was accepted.

Roll Call followed, showing 50 members present.

Motion to pay expenses of Department Delegate to Minneapolis, National Convention, except sleeper. Seconded and, after much discussion, carried.

Motion to pay R. R. fare of Department President to Minneapolis. Carried. Guard announced that Committee and Capt. Lawler were waiting in the ante-room. Motion carried that they be admitted. Conductor retired to the ante-room and escorted Capt. Lawler in; they advanced to the rear of the altar, the Conductor introduced him as the first honorary member of the Department of Illinois W. R. C. The regulation badge of the W. R. C. was then presented to him, and he was escorted to the platform, where he favored the ladies with a short speech, at the close of which a motion was made to adjourn and admit the Comrades waiting in the ante-room. Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened in due form by Roll Call.

Motion to dispense with the Rituals and proceed to business immediately. Carried.

Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

1. *Resolved*, That we heartily endorse the action of our Department President, Mrs. Julia G. Sine, during the past year, believing that she has at all times been prompted by a desire to promote the good and welfare of the W. R. C., and that we extend to her and each member of the Official Staff our thanks for the efficient manner in which they have performed the duties assigned them.

Upon motion, this resolution was adopted.

2. *Resolved*, That an Advisory Board be established by this Department,

consisting of the Department President (who shall be the Chairman of said Board), the Official Staff and three (3) members to be elected at the same time and place and in the same manner as Department officers.

Upon motion, this resolution was adopted.

3. *Resolved*, That the Per Capita Tax be reduced from 16 cents to 10 cents per quarter, for the ensuing year.

Upon motion, this resolution was also adopted.

4. *Resolved*, That the Department Secretary be allowed 15 per cent. of the Per Capita Tax per year, as compensation for her services for the ensuing year.

Moved by Mrs. Roby, of Chicago, to make Secretary's salary 15 per cent. of amount received for tax, and at end of year if this remuneration was not deemed sufficient that by vote of the Convention it could be raised, balance to be taken from Department Treasury. Seconded and carried.

Motion to tender the Department Secretary a vote of thanks for the past year's services. Carried.

5. *Resolved*, That the Department Secretary be instructed to ask the Corps who had not already done so, to contribute to the fund for the relief of Mother Pickerdike and Miss Ella Carroll and other army nurses, as recommended by National Convention at Minneapolis.

On motion, this resolution was adopted.

6. *Resolved*, That we tender our most sincere thanks to the citizens of Peoria, and especially to the ladies of Bryner Corps, No. 12, who have so kindly contributed to our comfort and pleasure; also to the Comrades of Post No. 67, G. A. R., for their kindness in tendering their hall in which to hold this meeting of our Annual Convention, and to the Comrades of the Department Encampment, G. A. R., now in session, for the assistance they have so kindly given us.

Motion that we return thanks to the Corps and their Presidents for courtesies shown us. Carried.

Motion to adopt these resolutions as a whole. Carried.

The following is recommended by the Committee:

We, the Committee on Resolutions, would recommend that, knowing the necessity for good discipline and perfect work, to insure our success as a Department, that Corps Presidents pay especial attention to Ritualistic work at least once a quarter.

SALLIE J. STEELE,	} Committee.
MARY E. VAN ALSTYNE,	
ANGIE C. BEEBE,	
CLARA W. HARRAL,	

The following resolutions were read and upon motion laid upon the table:

Believing it would be for the best interest of the Department of Illinois to pay remuneration in part to the officers of the Department—Delegates, and all entitled to seats in the Department Convention; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a mileage of five cents each way be paid each member entitled to a seat in Department Convention, to be paid from Department Treasury.

Resolved, That the representation be fixed at one delegate for every fifty (50) members in each Corps, and one for a fraction over half that number.

Bills of Inspector presented and accepted, and allowed by Auditing Committee.

Motion for Advisory Board to decide the number of Delegates that each Corps be entitled to in Department Convention. Carried.

Report of Committee on Report of Officers followed :

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following :

1st. We heartily endorse reports of officers, and especially commend the article in President's report relating to reduction of Per Capita Tax.

2d. We admire the spirit and energy recommended in report from Palestine, and call attention to the wished for increase of charity and harmonious work in increased encouragement in southern part of the State of Illinois.

3d. We appreciate and understand some of the difficulties surrounding the executive officers, and we believe they have discharged their duty to the best of their knowledge and ability. Respectfully submitted,

MARY HOLTZMAN,
NELLIE R. MANAHAN, } Committee.
AMANDA OLNSTEAD,

Motion to accept report of Committee on Officers' Report. Carried.

Motion that in election of officers for the ensuing year every Corps can have full vote. Carried.

Motion to pay expense of three working officers at Peoria, and that amount of expenses be refunded to other officers sometime during the year. Carried.

Vote of thanks given Department Conductor Mrs. Sallie J. Steele. Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion, an informal ballot for President was held, resulting as follows :

Candidates—Julia G. Sine, Lelia P. Roby Angie C. Beebe.

Mrs. Roby resigned in favor of Mrs. Beebe, of Elgin.

Second ballot, Mrs. Julia G. Sine was elected President of Department of Illinois by a large majority.

Then followed the election, in regular form, of the remainder of the staff, resulting as follows :

Senior Vice President—Clara W. Harral, Aurora.

Junior Vice President—Maggie Crissey, Decatur.

Treasurer—Mary E. Van Alstyne, Rockford.

Chaplain—Sylvia M. Diehl, Henry.

Conductor—Sade Rowley, Bloomington.

Guard—Olive Clifton, Chillicothe.

Inspector—Marion A. Mann, Peoria.

Delegates to National Convention—Mrs. Lelia P. Roby (at large), Chicago ; Mrs. Mary Holtzman, Pontiac ; Mrs. Hettie Reed, Chicago ; Mrs. Angie C. Beebe, Elgin ; Mrs. Fannie Burch, Decatur ; Mrs. May Reynolds, South Chicago ; Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton, Palestine ; Mrs. Amanda Olmstead, Henry.

Alternates—Mrs. Mary A. Logan (at large), Chicago ; Mrs. Mira Mark, Decatur ; Mrs. Louise Newsome, Chicago ; Mrs. Betsy Townsend, Henry ; Mrs. Fannie Grable, Chicago ; Mrs. Roseltha Franks, Aurora ; Mrs. Nellie Manahan, Elgin ; Mrs. Lizzie Young, Henry.

The Installation of Officers was held in G. A. R. Hall the same evening, Mrs. Marian A. Mann, President of Peoria Corps, acted as Installing Officer, Mrs. Sallie J. Steele, of Decatur, assisting.

Department President Julia G. Sine, after installation, appointed Minnie M. Kyle, of Rockford, as Secretary of Department for the ensuing year.

MINNIE M. KYLE, Department Secretary.

THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
Department of Illinois, Auxiliary to the G. A. R.,
HELD AT
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, FEBRUARY 17, 1886.

The third annual convention of the W. R. C., Department of Illinois, convened at Springfield, Wednesday, February 17, at 11 o'clock, A. M., in the Supreme Court room, and was called to order by Department President Julia G. Sine.

The first business before the convention was the reports of officers. The reports of Department President, Secretary and Treasurer, were then read as follows:

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Officers and Members of this Convention:

The cycle of time has rounded to its fullness another year since we convened for Department work. The past twelve months have been months of prosperity for the W. R. C. in this Department, and I wish I could say that the holy spirit of Charity had never been assailed or its companionship with Fraternity and Loyalty ever been interrupted. There are many discouragements to overcome in the first year's work of any organization; the most annoying one being a disturbing element, one that associates itself with every new organization. This factional spirit so far worked its influence in Corps No. 9, of Chicago, as to make Post 91 dissatisfied, and they asked the Department President to annul their charter. This dissatisfaction followed in two other corps, No. 17 of South Chicago and Elmwood, to the extent that they also asked that their charter be annulled. Elmwood has since given its reasons for leaving the Department and asked to be reinstated. The Department congratulates itself, however, that

this element has not extended its influence in other corps. Notwithstanding differences that have arisen, our general prosperity so far over-balances any discouragements, that our troubles seems light in comparison.

Our standing as an organization you will learn from reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and other officers of the staff. The returns from the Department Inspector give evidence of a healthy condition of all our working corps. I was pleased to find in the National Inspector's report that Illinois ranks fifth in membership, and stands next to Ohio in amount expended for relief during last year. I find in my intercourse with corps, visiting and by correspondence, that there are misunderstandings regarding the duties of officers. Evidently our rules and regulations are not clear on this point. Mrs. Kate B. Sherwood, Past National President, in her address at Portland, gives the following: "It cannot be too clearly impressed upon Departments and Corps, that the President is the directing officer of the Association; that the Secretary is the recording officer, and the Treasurer the disbursing officer. But each should understand that without the other she can perform no work. It is as much out of character for the President to usurp the duties of Secretary or Treasurer, as it is for the Secretary or Treasurer to usurp the duties of President, or of each other. Much confusion and at least absolute malfeasance in office as in case noted, has been caused by the one officer working independently of the other. All orders should be made by the Treasurer, upon instructions of the President, and all moneys for whatever purpose pass through the Treasurer's hands, even if the next moment it is repaid to the officer forwarding the same." The foregoing must certainly now be clear to every one.

Regarding honorary members, the convention at Portland decided after the date of that assembly, to withdraw the privilege of creating honorary members. Therefore, the Department of Illinois cheerfully submits to higher authority. The W. R. C. is managed and governed under the same rules and regulations as the G. A. R., and if we pattern after and profit by their experience (which is the growth of years), we will certainly be as successful in our order as they have been in theirs. I regret very much the oversight almost the entire State showed in reporting Memorial Day services to Department Chaplain. Henry and Palestine being the only corps that sent reports of their exercises. Yet I feel assured that there was no lack of interest in the observance of the day, but simply a failure to report. The following blanks are recommended by Mrs. Wittemyer, National Chaplain, for use of corps reporting their exercises:

1. Membership of corps.
2. Give the title of committees and number of ladies on each.
3. Members taking part in Memorial Day services.
4. Did the corps as a body attend Memorial services?
5. Did the children take part and what number?
6. What expense was incurred?
7. Were refreshments provided for Post?
8. Were flowers furnished by purchase or contribution, and what amount?

9. Did they prepare a Memorial for the unknown dead and those who sleep on Southern battle-fields?

10. Any other facts that may be suggested.

The day set apart for the observance of the touching custom of decorating the last earthly resting-place of the soldier has become a National holiday and is observed all over the land; whether in the mountain or the quiet grandeur of valleys, on the banks of the peaceful lake, the custom is the same. All school children look forward to their participation in the exercises of the day, to do reverence to the brave and noble ones who gave their lives as sacrifices that their country might be saved. The amount of money raised (thus far reported) by the ten cent fund is only \$17.65. This is an extremely small showing, being less than one-eighth of our share. It is unnecessary to say here that this is a part of the work that should receive ready and prompt attention. Ten cents from each W. R. C. member is a mere pittance, and when compared with the sacrifices and services rendered by Mother Bickerdyke and Ella Carroll to the soldiers in the perilous times of the war, is insignificant indeed, but if every Corps will do its duty Illinois will rank with the other Departments in this respect. I wish that each delegate on their return home from this convention, would bring the matter before their respective Corps at their earliest opportunity and report results to Headquarters. Now that the Illinois State Soldiers' Home is a guaranteed reality, it becomes our part and duty as loyal and charitable women to see that not only is this an abiding place for the old veteran in his declining years, but a home indeed.

I will now offer for your consideration a few recommendations which I think will be beneficial to this Department. I would recommend that 20 per cent. of the per capita be divided equally between Department Secretary and Treasurer, to be paid quarterly. The duties of the Treasurer are constantly increasing with the growth of the Department, and I would advise that all orders for supplies be sent to the Treasurer direct, thereby saving time and trouble. I would also recommend that a resolution be adopted by this convention that the secret work of the disbanded Corps, including rituals and records, be destroyed by Department Secretary upon receipt of same, and that all badges, ode cards and blanks in good condition be turned over to the Department Treasurer for future use. I would most earnestly recommend that new Corps organizing would have some experienced member of the order to act as Instituting and Installing Officer, as Corps without the secret work do not seem to prosper, as in the case of Winchester. They had no personal instructions and became discouraged and gave up their charter.

Before closing, I wish to extend to Capt. T. G. Lawler (our honorary member), my most hearty thanks for his kind assistance during my year's work, and to Comrade Crawford, who was always ready to give me a word of counsel and advice upon intricate questions; also to J. L. Bennett and Capt. Burst and other members of the G. A. R., are the same grateful thanks extended for their friendship and good will. To the officers of my staff, Senior Vice and Inspector, you especially have lightened my cares by words of good cheer and counsel.

Secretary and Treasurer, while our cares have been mutually trying and arduous, you have always and on all occasions been ever willing to share the burden of solicitude and lighten the load of anxiety. For you I have but the warmest expressions of gratitude; I know that without your wise encouragement and efficient aid my efforts would not have been crowned with such satisfying results.

And finally, dear friends, let us for the future strive for an increase of the spirit that has animated us in the past and for the adoption of our beautiful watch-word in its fullest and most complete sense. Yes, Charity first, and if we realize all that implies, Fraternity and Loyalty will be solidified into an indissoluble link with Charity—that charity shall unite us in one unbroken union.

JULIA G. SINE, Department President.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT.

DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS W. R. C.,

ROCKFORD, ILL., Feb. 15, 1886.

Mrs. Julia G. Sine, Department President of Illinois, W. R. C.:

I have the honor to submit the following report of the business of the Department Secretary's office, and of the membership and condition of the Order during the second year of its organization as a Department.

At the time of the last convention, held at Peoria, February 18 and 19, 1885, there were entered on my Roster Book, nineteen Corps fully organized.

The membership of the Department at that time was 662, a gain of 375 over the year previous.

I am gratified to report that during the past year we have gained 515, making a total of 1,177 in good standing January 1, 1886. Since that date there has been a gain of 210 by organization of new Corps, making a total up to date of 1,387. There have been four applications for charters sent out the past week.

A. Lincoln Corps No. 9, of Chicago, had charter revoked by vote of Post. A. E. Burnside No. 17, of South Chicago, Dan. McCook No. 22, of Elmwood, and Hesse, of Winchester, No. 26, surrendered charters. It was thought best to fill these vacant numbers, Joe Hooker Corps, of Canton, taking No. 9; Springfield, No. 17; Nimda, 22, and Lacon, 26.

Gross Enrollment,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,487
Loss by Death,	-	-	-	-	-	8	
Loss by Transfer,	-	-	-	-	-	11	
Loss by Honorable Discharge,	-	-	-	-	-	27	
Loss by Suspension,	-	-	-	-	-	264	
Total Loss	-	-	-	-	-	310	

Remaining on Roll,	-	-	-	-	-	1,177
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G. L. Nevins Corps No. 1 has spent the largest amount in relief, Elgin and Aurora coming next.

The largest Corps stand in the following order as to membership: 1, 3, 7, 20, 16.

Total amount spent for Relief in the Department is \$947.33.

Amount of Relief Fund on hand, \$1,224.41.

Amount of General Fund on hand, \$1,492.95.

We are entitled to seven delegates to National convention.

Number of representatives entitled to seats in Department convention as follows:

Department Officers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Corps Presidents,	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Corps Delegates,	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
P. Corps Pres., exclusive of those re-elected,	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Total representation,	-	-	-	-	-	-	105

The Corps blanks have not until the 3d inst. been adequate to a correct report, therefore until that time many Corps Treasurers could not make satisfactory reports.

There has been a needless expense and delay at Department headquarters by Corps repeatedly ordering supplies of Department President or Secretary, when by letters and general orders they have been instructed and ordered to send to Department Treasurer direct for supplies.

At National Convention the following plan of correspondence was adopted: Corps President address the Department Secretary and Department President the National Secretary. From Department and National Headquarters the reverse rule is used: National Secretary address Department President and Department Secretary the Corps President. If all Corps members would bear this in mind very many times they would understand why answers to their letters are sent the Corps President.

I would recommend that an endorsement book be kept by Department Secretary to record all official decisions both by National and Department Presidents. In this way we may in time hope to be furnished for our guidance regularly compiled official decisions, in book form, available to any member of the order; when without it the work of each administration will be but to undergo the same trial of deciding questions without positive authority, or basing decisions entirely on those governing the Grand Army. It is but natural to suppose that a book of decisions, which is the outgrowth of our Order itself, will prove far more applicable to the cases submitted than those governing any other organization.

In closing my report I wish to thank the members of the different Corps for kindness and courtesy the past year, also the Department officers for words of advice. And now to you, Mrs. President, as we sever these pleasant relations that have bound us together the two years that are past, we take and give the parting hand with regret, and although we may never more be associated together in the future as in the past, we trust that the same fraternal interests may bind us even more closely now and forever, for the promotion of the welfare and extension of the Woman's Relief Corps. Yours in F., C. and L.,

MINNIE M. KYLE, Department Secretary.

The following report shows gain and loss of each Corps in the Department the past year :

		Good Standing Last Report.	Initiation.	Transfer.	Reinstatement.	Total.	Aggregate.	Death.	Transfer.	Honorable Dis- charge.	Dishonorable Discharge.	Suspension.	Total.	Remaining on Rolls.
Nevius, No. 1	136	24	1	--	25	161	--	1	1	--	--	5	7	154
L. Mountain, " 2	24	5	--	--	5	29	--	1	1	--	--	--	2	27
Veteran, " 3	66	24	--	4	28	94	12	--	1	--	--	25	34	63
Dunham, " 4	45	5	--	1	6	51	1	1	3	--	--	8	13	38
A. Harrison, " 5	51	--	--	--	51	51	1	1	--	--	--	12	14	37
McClanahan, " 6	29	9	--	--	9	38	--	--	3	--	--	4	7	34
Bloomington, " 7	69	20	--	--	20	89	--	1	--	--	--	13	14	75
Col. Shaw, " 8	32	2	--	3	7	37	1	--	10	--	--	8	19	20
A. Lincoln, " 9	24	10	--	--	10	34	--	--	--	--	--	31	34	--
Aurora, " 10	37	13	--	--	13	50	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	49
J. F. French, " 11	32	16	--	--	16	48	--	--	1	--	--	--	1	47
Bryner, " 12	22	18	--	--	18	40	--	1	--	--	--	2	3	37
Chillicothe, " 13	27	11	--	--	11	38	--	1	--	--	--	1	2	36
John Brown, " 14	19	10	--	--	10	29	1	--	--	--	--	2	3	27
T. Lyle Dickey " 15	31	16	--	--	16	37	--	1	--	--	--	11	12	35
Darveau, " 16	--	54	--	--	54	54	--	--	1	--	--	--	1	54
Burnside, " 17	--	27	--	--	27	27	--	--	2	--	--	25	27	--
Potter, " 18	--	10	--	--	10	40	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	40
H. Longuecker, " 19	--	32	--	--	32	32	--	--	--	--	--	11	14	18
Phillips, " 20	--	58	--	1	59	59	--	2	3	--	--	5	10	49
Lemor, " 21	--	23	--	--	23	23	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	23
Dan. McCook, " 22	--	53	--	--	53	53	--	--	--	--	--	53	53	--
Mulligan, " 23	--	30	1	--	31	31	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	31
Lott, " 24	--	18	--	--	18	18	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	47
Olney, " 25	--	23	--	--	23	23	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	22
Winches'r Hesse " 26	--	20	--	--	20	20	--	--	--	--	--	20	20	--
I. McManus, " 27	--	30	--	--	30	30	--	--	--	--	--	2	2	30
Graham, " 28	--	36	--	--	36	36	--	--	--	--	--	2	2	47
Warren, " 29	--	31	--	9	43	43	--	--	--	--	--	15	15	28
A. C. Harding, " 30	--	27	--	--	27	27	--	1	--	--	--	--	1	26
Jas. A. Garfield, " 31	--	21	--	--	21	21	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	16
Lawn Ridge, " 32	--	16	--	--	16	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21
Ellis, " 33	--	21	--	--	21	21	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	28
Joe Hooker, " 9	--	28	--	--	28	28	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total	662	803	2	20	825	1487	8	11	27	--	--	261	310	1477

		Good Standing Last Report.	Aggregate.	Remaining on Rolls.			Good Standing Last Report.	Aggregate.	Remaining on Rolls.
Springfield, No. 17	37	37	37	Sedgwick, No. 36	13	13	13	13	13
Nunda, " 22	18	18	18	John Watts, " 37	20	20	20	20	20
Lacon, " 26	13	13	13	Geo. Hunter, " 38	16	16	16	16	16
McDonough, " 31	18	18	18	M. K. Lawler, " 39	17	17	17	17	17
Delavan, " 35	28	28	28	Total on Roll					1487

Members in good standing last report, 662; gain by initiation, 803; gain by transfer, 2; gain by reinstatement, 20. Total, 825. Aggregate, 1,487.

DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT.

DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS W. R. C.,

ROCKFORD, ILL., Feb. 16, 1886.

Mrs. Julia G. Sine, Department President :

As required by the Rules and Regulations of our order, I have the honor to

submit the following statement of the finances of the Department for the year ending Feb. 18, 1886:

Number of Corps instituted between Feb. 23, 1885, and Feb. 18, 1886, 21.

Total value of supplies on hand, \$59.45.

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 23, 1885, \$58.75; total receipts for supplies, \$1,975.08; total receipts for per capita tax, \$109.50; total receipts from January 1, 1886, to February 18, 1886, \$189.31. Total, \$1,732.67.

EXPENDITURES.

Total postage and express, \$80.83; total printing, \$75.75; total traveling expenses, including inspection, \$290.09; total paid to National on account, \$796.39; total incidentals, \$87.87; total National per capita, \$81.90; total expense from January 1, 1886, to February 18, 1886, \$298.28; cash on hand, \$21.56. Total, \$1,732.67.

SUMMARY.

Cash on hand Feb'y 23, 1885, \$58.75; cash received during year, \$1,673.92.—Total, \$1,732.67. Total expenses, \$1,711.11; cash on hand February 18, 1886, \$21.56.—Total, \$1,732.67.

MARY E. VANALSTYNE, Department Treasurer.

DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS W. R. C.,

PEORIA, ILL., February 16, 1886.

To the Officers and Members of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Illinois, in Convention Assembled:

Your Inspector begs leave to make the following reports of her work for the year 1885. At the close of the last convention I was told by Mrs. Sine, Department President, my first work would be to organize a W. R. C. at Elmwood, Peoria county. Accordingly, having been notified by Commander of the Post at that place that all things were in readiness, and being officially authorized by Department President, on March 18, 1885, I organized Dan. McCook, W. R. C., Mrs. Adaline Beck, President; Miss Frankie Daniels, Secretary.

The annual inspection of Corps in this Department was commenced November 3, 1885, with Mrs. Margaret I. Sandes, of Col. James A. Mulligan Corps No. 23, of Chicago, Mrs. Sallie J. Steele, of Duham No. 4, of Decatur, Miss Ada Carlton, of Bloomington No. 7, of Bloomington, and Miss Delilah A. Leaverton, of Alfred Harrison No. 5, of Palestine, as assistants. There were 26 Corps inspected.

I find by the united reports the total number of meetings held during the year to be 481; No. of members in good standing, 983; average attendance of officers, 6 37-208; average attendance of members, 16 19-26; average amount charged for initiations, \$94 3-13; average amount charged for quarterly dues, \$29 27-52; amount in Relief fund, \$740.27; expended for relief from October 1, 1884, to October 1, 1885, \$963.26.

By request from Headquarters, organized November 14, James A. Garfield Corps, at Magnolia, Putnam county, Mrs. Nellie Taylor, President; Miss

Tudie Massie, Secretary. January 4, 1886, Delevan W. R. C., No. 35, at Delavan, Tazewell county, Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, President. January 20, Geo. Hunter, W. R. C., at Farmington, Peoria county, Mrs. Eva Whipple, President. January 23, McDonough Corps at Macomb, McDonough county, Mrs. Mary White, President; Mrs. Maggie V. Collins, Secretary. This Corps had 46 charter members, 40 being present at organization.

We find most of the Corps in good working order. All seem to be interested and some of them very enthusiastic in the work and all anxious to receive instruction. Do not approve of Post Commanders organizing Relief Corps; they being unable to give the required instructions necessary for the advancement and prosperity of such organizations. Therefore for the good of the Order, I would recommend and ask that upon receipt of an application for charter, the Department President urge upon the applicants the necessity of securing the services of the Instituting Officer or a deputy, feeling the result for good by so doing and increased efficiency in the work will far over-balance the expense incurred.

Hoping you may have a pleasant and profitable session, I respectfully submit this report for your approbation.

MRS. MARION A. MANN,

Inspector Department of Illinois.

The President then announced the Committee on Credentials, consisting of Minnie M. Kyle, Sarah M. Bradford, Fleta C. Stahl, Lizzie Hubbard, Agnes Moody.

Meeting then adjourned to meet at two o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention was called to order at 2:30 P. M. Opened in Ritualistic form.

Committee on Credentials reported eight Department Officers and fifty-three Delegates present.

Roll call resulted as follows:

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

President, Julia G. Sine,	Present.	Chaplain, Sylvia Diehl,	Present.
S. V. Pres., Clara W. Harral,	Present.	Conductor, Sade Rowley,	Present.
J. V. Pres., Maggie Crissey,	Present.	Guard, Olive Clifton,	Present.
Secretary, Minnie M. Kyle,	Present.	Inspector, Marion A. Mann,	Absent.
		Treasurer, Mary E. VanAlstyne,	Present.

The following committees were then appointed:

Resolutions—Mesdames Sandes, Tanquary, Steele, Becker, Dustin.

Reports of Officers—Mesdames Ferguson, Simpson, Thomas, Hoffman.

Finance—Miss Cleveland, Mesdames Burst, Carlton.

Miss Cleveland and Mrs. Burst resigned, and Mesdames Bradford and Sanders were substituted.

Record of last convention read by Secretary. Motion by Mrs. Moody, seconded by Mrs. Stahl, to accept the Records. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Bradley, and seconded by Mrs. Burst, to exemplify the form of balloting. Carried, and balloting exemplified.

Guard announced that the G. A. R. sent an invitation to the members of our convention to visit them. The invitation was accepted, and a motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Kyle, and seconded by Miss Cleveland, was carried unanimously.

After the return from the visit to the G. A. R., who were assembled in the Representative chamber, convention again opened, and Guard announced Mrs. Nash and Miss Springer were in waiting in the ante-room for initiation. The Conductor then retired to the ante-room and escorted the ladies in, and they were duly initiated into the order for the better exemplification of the Ritual.

Much discussion was then indulged in over the ten cent fund for army nurses and also the Soldiers' Home.

Motion by Mrs. Harral, and seconded by Mrs. Johnson, to dispense with Ritual on the morrow. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and carried. Mrs. Geisett moved that we meet at 9 o'clock A. M. Seconded and carried. Convention adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

Convention opened at 9:30. Minutes of first day's convention read and approved. Much discussion arose on loyal women as members of the W. R. C. Mrs. Steele moved that this subject be laid on the table. Seconded by Mrs. Harral and carried.

The committee on Officers' Reports offered the following:

Mrs. President, Officers and Members:

The committee on Officers' Reports find all correct and heartily recommend that 20 per cent. of the per capita tax be divided equally between Department Secretary and Treasurer; and that all the Rituals of disbanded Corps be burned.

Signed: MARY FERGUSON,

EVELINE THOMAS,

MARTHA HOFFMAN,

SUE M. SIMPSON.

Motion to accept report of committee on Officers' Reports, seconded and carried.

Motion to send card of thanks to Mrs. Marion A. Mann, Department Inspector, for efficient work the past year. Carried.

Subject of Conductor acting as such at Installation when re-elected, was discussed. Moved by Mrs. VanAlstyne to lay the subject on the table. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Mrs. Holtzman and seconded by Mrs. Ellison, to have the mourning badge worn by all members of the Order for thirty days, for Mrs. Anderson, National Senior Vice, who had lately died at her home in Kansas City. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Moody, and seconded by Mrs. Leaverton, that a committee be appointed to draft resolutions of condolence to Major Anderson. Carried. The President appointed as that committee, Miss Cleveland, Mrs. Moody and,

Mrs. Stahl. Motion of Mrs. Ferguson, and seconded by Mrs. Holtzman that we proceed with regular order of business. Carried.

Invitation from G. A. R. Department Encampment to hold a double installation. Mrs. Stahl moved that we accept the invitation. Seconded by Mrs. Becker, and carried by vote of convention.

Motion of Mrs. Leaverton and seconded by Miss Crissey, to hereafter nominate the first day and elect the second. Carried. Moved by Mrs. Sandes and seconded by Mrs. Hale, to adjourn; time for afternoon session 2 o'clock. Motion carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Records of morning session read, and motion of Mrs. Becker, seconded by Mrs. Rowley, to accept record, was carried.

Mrs. VanAlstyne spoke of having records of convention printed. Some discussion arose in regard to printing and the benefits to be derived from having them printed. Mrs. Leaverton moved that they be printed. Motion seconded by Mrs. Sandes. Mrs. Leaverton rescinded first motion and moved that records of all conventions be printed. Seconded by Mrs. Sandes and carried.

Moved by Mrs. Stahl that each Corps be assessed to pay expense of printing these reports. Moved by Mrs. Becker that 1,000 copies of records since organization of Department be printed, and members of Corps pay cost price of printing, also postage on same. Seconded by Mrs. Sandes and carried.

Committee on resolutions of condolence to Major Anderson made the following report:

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT ON THE DEATH OF MRS. LIZZIE ANDERSON.

WHEREAS—In His infinite wisdom it has pleased our Heavenly Father to transfer one of our dear and honored sisters from this world to a better; therefore be it

Resolved—That in the death of our beloved and esteemed Past National Junior Vice President, the Woman's Relief Corps has sustained an irreparable loss, and her native state one of its most valued and loyal women, and her family a devoted and loving wife and mother.

Resolved—That this Department of the W. R. C. extend hearty and sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

Resolved—That a page in our records be set aside as a memorial page, as a mark of respect to her memory, and that a copy of these resolutions be attested by the officers of this Department and forwarded to Major T. J. Anderson, at Topeka, Kansas.

JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND,
FLETA C. STAHL,
AGNES MOODY.

Motion by Mrs. Harral, seconded by Miss Crissey to accept the report. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Becker to read part of resolutions at the present time. Put to a vote and carried, but after some discussion was again voted on and lost.

In Memoriam.

MRS. LIZZIE ANDERSON,

PAST NATIONAL J. V. PRESIDENT,

*Late Member of the Present Council of Administration and
National Aid,*

WAS MUSTERED INTO THE SPIRIT ARMY WHICH IS
ENCAMPED IN PARADISE,

JANUARY 25th, 1886,

From the Home Camp which Her Presence had Made
Sacred, at Topeka, Kansas.

She was beloved by all who knew her, and her associates in all Life's departments unite in pronouncing her "efficient, zealous, true, honored, loyal and loving." Called hence by the fiat of the Commander who circumscribes our lives and destinies, she is now a member of the Supreme Department of Peace, having been appointed for eternity.

Motion to lay aside other business and hear Finance Committee report, carried. As comrades were in the ante-room, it was moved, seconded and carried that comrades be not admitted until the Finance Committee report had been heard. The Finance Committee reported, but the convention not being quite satisfied, it was referred back to them with instructions to report as soon as possible.

Committee on Resolutions report. Motion to reconsider the resolution giving Treasurer salary, by Miss Cleveland, seconded by Mrs. Steele, carried.

1st. Recommend that the Department Treasurer be paid a salary for her work that will warrant the best use of her time to our work.

Motion was made and seconded that this resolution be adopted and the Treasurer be paid \$100 for salary the ensuing year. Motion lost.

Moved to send delegate-at-large and pay expenses of such delegate-at-large. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bradley moved that we proceed with the election of officers. Seconded and carried.

Motion that we have an informal ballot for first two officers. Seconded and carried.

On informal ballot the Tellers reported as follows for President: Mrs. Sine, 24; Mrs. Harral, 21; Mrs. Crissey, 1; Mrs. Tanquary, 1; Mrs. Bradley, 1; Mrs. Holtzman, 2; Mrs. Leaverton, 2; Mrs. Wells, 1; Mrs. Sanders, 2; Mrs. Stahl, 1.

On formal ballot the Tellers reported: Mrs. Sine 26 and Mrs. Harral 28.

On motion it was decided that a two-thirds majority was necessary to a choice. Mrs. Sine resigned in favor of Mrs. Harral, and she was declared elected President for the ensuing year.

First ballot for Senior Vice President resulted as follows: Mrs. Holtzman, 24; Mrs. Leaverton, 7; Mrs. Sandes, 18. Second ballot: Mrs. Holtzman, 25; Mrs. Sandes, 19; Mrs. Leaverton, 5.

Mrs. Holtzman was declared elected Senior Vice President for the ensuing year.

The result of first ballot for Junior Vice President stood: Mrs. Stahl, 22; Mrs. Sandes, 16; Mrs. Leaverton, 8. As the result of the second ballot, Mrs. Stahl was elected Junior Vice President.

Mrs. Sue A. Sanders was declared elected Treasurer. (No record of votes.)

Miss Josephine P. Cleveland was unanimously elected Chaplain.

The Advisory Board or Council were elected unanimously as follows: Mesdames Leaverton, Steele, Becker, Ferguson and Moody.

On vote being taken for Delegate-at-Large, Mrs. Sue A. Sanders receiving the majority of all votes cast, was declared elected, and Mrs. Margaret T. Sandes as alternate.

The following Delegates to National Convention were elected:

Delegates—Mrs. Francina Austin, Rockford; Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, Pon-

tiae; Mrs. Ellen Hasselton, Chillicothe; Mrs. Mary A. Bradley, Decatur; Mrs. Sylvia Diehl, Henry; Mrs. Delilah Leaverton, Palestine.

Alternates—Mrs. Ellen Ziegler, Peoria; Mrs. Maria J. Tanquary, Canton; Mrs. Ophie Wells, Chicago; Mrs. L. K. K. Becker, Elgin; Mrs. Sophia A. Linseott, Chicago; Mrs. Anna Morgan, Monmouth.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

Mrs. President—Your committee would recommend that: 1st. Art. 4 of Sec. 3 of Art. 8, of Rules and Regulations, be changed to read thus: "The Secretary shall have an order book in which shall be recorded all orders and circulars issued by the Corps Presidents, or from Department or National Headquarters." Also, that Section 4 shall read: "The Secretary shall receive all moneys paid to the Corps, giving receipts therefor, and paying the same over to Treasurer, taking receipt for same. She (the Secretary) shall keep a strict account with each member, and notify all members in arrears."

2d. That our delegate to National Convention be instructed to use her influence to have the following changes made in the Rules and Regulations of our Order: 1st. To amend Article VII, Section 1, Chapter II, by striking out the words "appoint the Secretary," and read, "elect the Secretary." And further your committee would recommend that the Department Delegates be instructed to ask for a revision of the Rules and Regulations at next National Convention for their condensation and simplification of these Rules and for their better comprehension by those who interpret them.

3d. *Resolved*—That every Corps be represented by one Delegate to the State Convention, whose expenses shall be allowed, but that Corps send only one Delegate for every fifty members; and further, that Corps be requested to send such representation as will give strength of character to the order as well as the organization. And further, your committee recommend that the basis of representation for National Convention be the same as stated in the original motion made in Portland Convention by Mrs. Myers: "that no more than one Delegate for every 300 members be allowed."

Resolved—That the thanks of this convention be given to Springfield Corps No. 17, and to those ladies of the city who have so kindly assisted in our entertainment, and particularly to Miss Cleveland, President of same, for her untiring efforts in making our sojourn pleasant, and for the extremely gracious and hospitable manner in which we have been entertained on our own account and as auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Resolved—That the thanks of this convention are due to the officers of the Department for the faithful discharge of their duties, and especially to the President for her successful administration during the past two years, and for her genial urbanity and impartial rulings, and for the splendid service she has rendered the Order from its organization.

Resolved—That Mrs. Sine has the hearty support of every Corps and every member in it. Believing that it is not only woman's great privilege but her duty to uplift by her influence; therefore, be it

Resolved—That it is the sense of this committee that every member of the W. R. C. feels it an obligation next to the sacred objects of F., C. and L., to make every effort to give our Order efficiency, dignity and an elevated tone which shall make it second to none on the face of the earth.

MRS. SANDERS,	} Committee.
MRS. STEELE,	
MRS. TANQUARY,	
MRS. BECKER,	
MRS. DUSTIN,	

A communication was read from Mary A. Bradley, Maggie E. Crissey and Sallie J. Steele, the delegates from Dunham Corps, No. 4, Decatur, formally expressing and extending the thanks of that Corps to Mrs. Julia G. Sine, President. Lizzie Hubbard moved that these resolutions be accepted so far as they did not conflict with Rules and Regulations. Seconded and carried by vote of convention.

Committee on Finance then reported on bills handed in. They allowed the following: Department Secretary, salary for year; also, expenses of Department President, Secretary and Treasurer to and from Department Convention. Other bills not passed, but railroad fare of other officers to be paid during the year. The report follows:

DELAVER, ILL., March 14, 1886.

To the Officers and Members of W. R. C. of Illinois:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the books and papers of the Past Treasurer, begs leave to submit the following: The report which we made at convention, February 18, 1886, and which was referred back for further action, has, after full investigation and explanation, led us to make this our final report.

We find the annual report and books of Past Department Treasurer, Mrs. Mary E. VanAlstyne, do agree, and we find her accounts correct.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

SUE A. SANDERS,	} Finance Committee.
ADA CARLTON,	
SARAH M. BRADFORD,	

On motion, the expenses of Mrs. Olive Clifton be paid. Carried.

Motion made and carried that the convention give Mrs. Olive Clifton, Department Guard, a vote of thanks for services rendered.

Convention adjourned to meet at Rock Island.

In the evening the following officers were installed, in G. A. R. Hall, by Mrs. Margaret I. Sandes, Installing Officer:

President.—Mrs. Clara W. Harral, Aurora.

Senior Vice President.—Mrs. Mary Holtzman, Pontiac.

Junior Vice President.—Mrs. Fleta C. Stahl, Bloomington.

Secretary.—Mrs. Lizzie Hubbard, Aurora.

Treasurer.—Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, Delevan.

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Chaplain.—Miss Josephine P. Cleveland, Springfield.

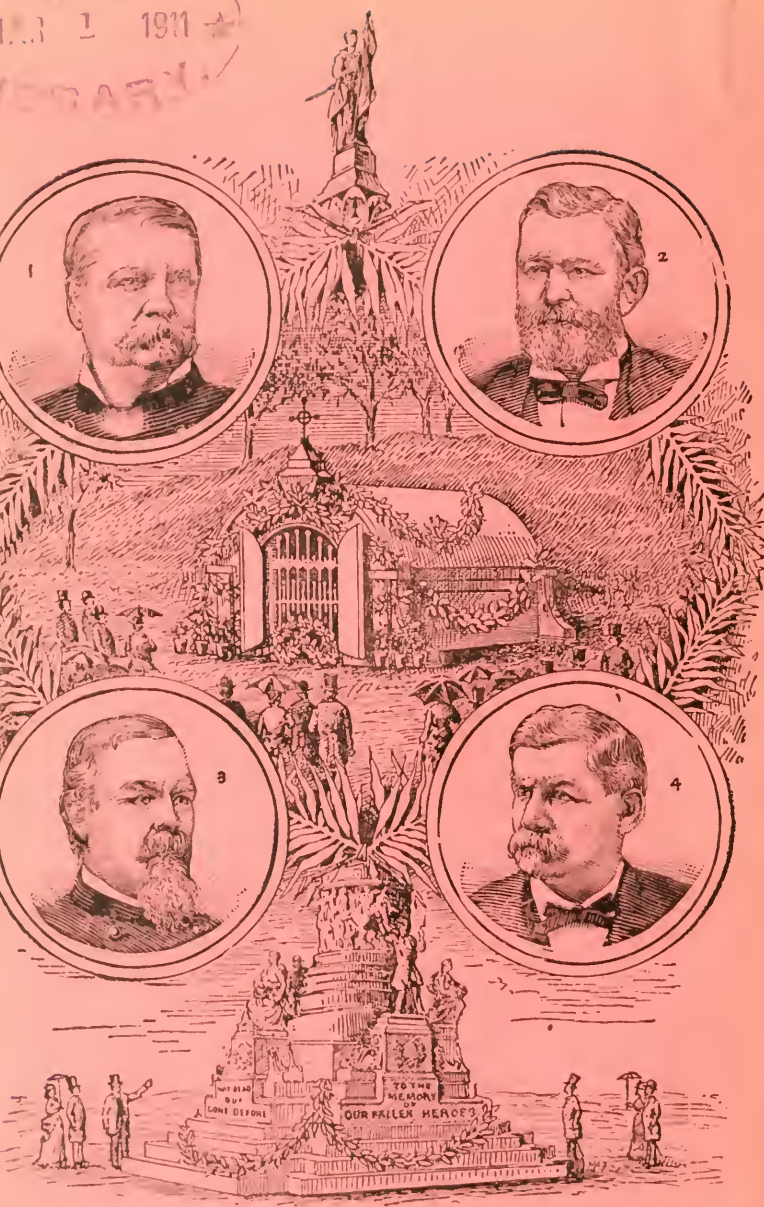
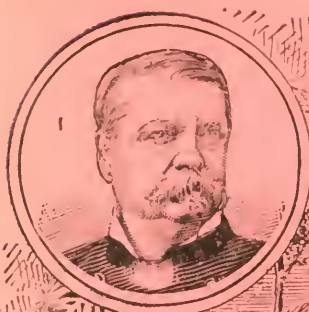
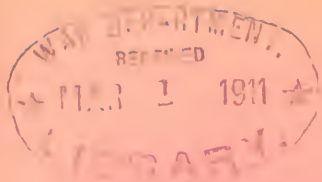
The President appointed as Counsellor, Mrs. Julia G. Sine, Rockford.

Instituting and Installing Officer.—Minnie M. Kyle, Rockford.

Inspector.—Margaret L. Sandes, Chicago.

MINNIE M. KYLE, Department Secretary





❀ Our Dead Heroes. ❀

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2. GEN. GRANT.

GEN. GRANT'S TOMB AT RIVERSIDE PARK, N. Y.

3. GEN. McDOWELL.

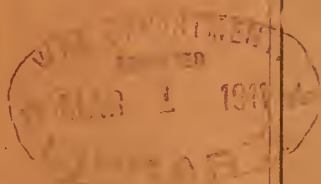
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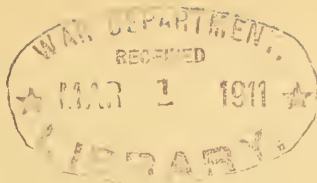


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FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

FIRST DAY—FEB. 16.

In conformity to notice given in General Order No. 6, Department Headquarters were established at the Rock Island House on Tuesday, Feb. 15, giving an opportunity for meeting delegates and members, also comrades of the Grand Army, and discussing matters pertaining to the interest of the Convention. The afternoon was devoted to a meeting of the Department Council and Executive Board.

Wednesday dawned clear and beautiful. At an early hour delegates and members were seen wending their way to Headquarters, while the morning trains brought many others to swell the number. Soon the notes of the bugle were heard, telling us that the procession of the Grand Army was forming at their headquarters, and at the call of the Department President all repaired to the street to salute the old veterans as they marched by. After marching to the rink, where the encampment was held, Graham Post, G. A. R. and Camp Beardsley, Sons of Veterans, both of Moline, returned, and under their gallant escort the ladies of the W. R. C. marched to A. O. U. W. Hall, where, led by Mrs. Julia G. Sine, Past Department President, they gave three cheers for their gallant escorts, which was responded to by them with three rousing cheers for the W. R. C. After this the convention was called to order in open session by Mrs. Clara W. Harral, Department President.

"America" was then sung, and prayer offered by Mrs. Lida Oldroyd, of Springfield; at the close all uniting in a repetition of the Lord's prayer.

The Secretary called the roll of officers and the following were present and responded, per conductor:

- Department President, Mrs. Clara W. Harral, Aurora.
- " Senior Vice-President, Mrs. Mary R. Holtzman, Pontiac.
- " Junior Vice-President, Mrs. Fleta C. Stahl, Bloomington.
- " Secretary, Mrs. Lizzie Hubbard, Aurora.
- " Treasurer, Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, Delavan.
- " Chaplain, [Absent]
- " Inspector, Mrs. Margaret I. Sandes, Chicago.
- " Counsellor, Mrs. Julia G. Sine, Rockford.
- " Instit'g & Installing Officer, Mrs. Minnie M. Kyle, Rockford.

The following committees were then appointed:

On Credentials—Mesdames Lizzie Hubbard, Aurora; Mira Mark, Decatur; Ella Seragg, Aurora; Carrie B. Taylor, Freeport.

On Resolutions—Mesdames, Ellen Zeigler, Peoria; Mary Eldred, Gard-

ner; Margaret Sandes, Chicago; Bessie Townsend, Henry; Abbie B. Holmes, Bloomington.

On Officers' Report—Mesdames Sophia Spaulding, Rockford; Carrie T. Becker, Elgin; Emma C. Beekly, Nunda.

Then followed the reading of annual address by the President, Mrs. Clara W. Harral, after which the reports of the various officers were read.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Officers and Members of Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Illinois, In Fourth Annual Convention assembled—Ladies:

You have assembled this day in Department Convention for the purpose of reviewing the work of the past year and to adopt such measures for the new one as in your judgment will conduce to the growth and prosperity of the Woman's Relief Corps in your jurisdiction.

A year, with all its joys and sorrows, has passed, and now, by the ruling of an All-wise Providence, we hope that our actions in this Convention may be such that they will be commended by all, and to be to the best interests of our order and the Grand Army of the Republic, to which we are the only auxiliary, and as I bid you welcome to the Fourth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Illinois, I trust we will all realize the responsibility that rests upon us, on this occasion.

Twelve months have elapsed since, by your choice, I was placed at the head of this Department and I can conscientiously say to-day, that to the best of my ability I have been true to that trust. Knowing the arduous duties, and my lack of physical strength, it was with many misgivings I accepted the honor by you conferred.

There were at that time thirty-nine Corps and a membership of one thousand one hundred and seventy-seven. To-day there are sixty-five Corps and a membership of two thousand three hundred and twenty-six.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer will show that their duties have also become more arduous.

I have issued six General Orders, written over three hundred letters and approved twelve sets of by-laws. It has been my pleasure to visit the following Corps: G. L. Nevins Corps, No. 1, Rockford; Lookout Mountain Corps, No. 2, Henry; Veteran Corps, No. 3, Elgin; James A. Mulligan Corps, No. 23, Chicago; John Brown Corps, No. 14, Chicago; Isaac McManus Corps, No. 27, Keithsburg; Galva Corps, No. 19, Galva; McCollough Corps, No. 59, Earlville.

I should be remiss in my duty did I fail to speak of the hearty reception and courtesies extended to me. The eagerness with which the great majority of Corps adopt the revised and approved plans of government is very encouraging, as it shows a desire to conform strictly to a sys-

tem which alone can make us a successful organization.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

That a Memorial Committee be appointed to draft Resolutions on the death of Gen. John A. Logan, and that a page be set apart, in our printed report, to his memory, and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased; that a Committee be appointed to appropriately drape this Hall in memory of Gen. John A. Logan, to remain so draped during Convention.

It was with a sad heart, and while the bells were yet tolling, I sent the following telegram:

AURORA, Dec. 26, 1886,—9:30, P. M.

Mrs. Gen. John A. Logan, Washington, D. C.:—Permit me to extend to you in your sad bereavement at the death of your husband, the soldier's best friend, the entire sympathy of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Illinois.

CLARA W. HARRAL, Dep't President, W. R. C.

That my successor be allowed fifty dollars to be used a Department Charity fund; That the delegates to the National Convention be instructed to use all honorable means to reduce the national per capita tax and recommend that they offer a resolution to rescind the action of the convention at San Francisco making past officers life members of the Council of Administration, and that our efforts be united in working for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home—to make a home, in all that the word implies, for the war-scarred veterans; That the President be instructed to write to each member of the Legislature before the appropriation is made for the support of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home to remember that they are giving to the relief and support of the defenders of our grand old flag and the greatest nation under the sun, and that they are also doing their duty to their country and themselves and will receive the blessings of every member of the Woman's Relief Corps and every loyal woman in the land.

I have written to Gen. Daniel Dustin chairman of the trustees of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, and received a very kind communication from him, thanking us for our interest in, and desire to work for this object in harmony with the board of trustees and Grand Army of the Republic. There will probably be some definite plan or arrangement given during this convention for our work, and I think I speak the sentiments of you all when I say that we desire to make this a real home and a blessing to the brave and unfortunate veterans who may spend their declining years as guests of the state and of their late comrades in arms.

I would suggest that the Secretary and Treasurer be paid a sufficient salary to warrant their giving their time to the interests of the Department.

QUARTERLY REPORTS.

I would advise that all Corps Presidents see to it that their quarterly reports be sent to Department Headquarters by the tenth of the month and the per capita tax be forwarded directly to the Department Secretary, made payable to the Department Treasurer. I desire to call your attention to the importance of complying with the Regulations in regard to furnishing a written quarterly report to the Post to which you are Auxiliary of the

relief extended and for what purpose. By applying to the Department Treasurer printed slips will be furnished Corps with instructions to Assistant Conductor and Guard.

ELIGIBILITY.

I would like to call your attention to what constitutes eligibility to membership in the Woman's Relief Corps. This question has been frequently discussed and was settled for all time at the Second National Convention "That all loyal women of good moral character and over sixteen years of age are entitled to membership and to any office in Corps or Department." Although it seems this ought to be thoroughly understood by all, yet there are some members in different Corps, who are still agitating the rights of any but soldier's relatives to become members of our Order, and thereby causing discord and unpleasantness. In my opinion while they hold that view they should not remain in the Order, and should be subject to discipline—and a little application of discipline might result in great good. While they remain members of our Order, they must accept the principles of our organization. This also applies to those members who advance the idea that only relatives of comrades should hold office. While all members of our Order must be loyal women, the admission of those who are not relatives of members of the Grand Army, is a grand and marked peculiarity, and has added much to our usefulness and prosperity. Would you exclude the loving sister, the devoted, anxious, praying, widowed wife and mother, whose loved ones did not return, but lie buried far away? And those noble, self-sacrificing women who labored early and late to prepare and send comforts and necessities to the soldiers and many of them too with no father or brother in the army, but with a burning patriotism and loyalty that never hesitates, did their part? I say would you exclude these? Should they not be as welcome as the young wife or daughter of the veteran who knew nothing of those anxious hours and heart-aches? Let the recruiting of loyal women go on. We would like to see every true loyal heart enlisted and interested in this cause so near and dear to us, and we need their active assistance, for each year finds more work for us to do.

I desire to express my warmest thanks to the officers, to my personal staff, and the ladies generally for the kindness and courtesies they have constantly extended to me. To the noble woman who preceded me, Julia G. Sine, Department Counsellor, who has rendered me such able and efficient service, I have not words to express my gratitude.

My relations with my Secretary, Lizzie Hubbard, have been intimate and exceedingly pleasant. She is thoroughly devoted to the Woman's Relief Corps, and is an efficient officer.

I also desire to thank my Treasurer, Sue A. Sanders, for the able and efficient manner in which she has performed her duties, and Margaret I. Sandes for the manner in which she has performed the duties of Inspector. Her report is an honor to herself and the Department.

To Josephine P. Cleveland, Department Chaplain, for her very able and condensed report of the Corps for Memorial Day—showing the deep interest taken in those loving services by this Department—I would extend my sincere thanks.

It is with pleasure that I thank Department Commander Gen. P. S. Post for words of cheer and interest taken in the Woman's Relief Corps.

I am also under obligations to and would thank comrades Major J. W. Burst, Capt. Tom. Lawler, F. O. White and A. D. Read for words of encouragement and advice. I am also under obligations to Messrs. George Alexander, Division Supt., E. L. Lomax and W. W. King, of the C. B. & Q. Railway, for favors received.

Ladies, one and all, I thank you for your kindness and courtesy, and now in surrendering the high trust with which you have honored me, I would make this one request, that you extend to my successor that same cordial support which I have received throughout the year. I am

Yours in F., C. and L.

CLARA W. HARRAL, Department President, W. R. C.

SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Mrs. Clara W. Harral, Department President Illinois W. R. C:

In response to the honor conferred upon me by your expressed wish of Feb. 3, that I "furnish a report of the year's work, for the purpose of making the convention more interesting, and for the good of our order," the following is respectfully submitted: The report of the Department Senior Vice-President is necessarily very meager and not what I could wish or have hoped it might be, for with no other prerogatives than those attending the office of Senior Vice-President one's sphere of action is exceedingly limited. However, I am happy to report, I have done with my might what my hand found to do, in trying to encourage the spread and growth of our order, and have distributed plans of organization where I felt they would do good and explained our aims and objects upon various occasions, and have written and received many letters in consequence. In response to a request dated me from Metamora, that I write the Hon. L. E. Payson, M. C., from our district and city, in behalf of Miss Anna Ella Carrol, I have received the following letter:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
WASHINGTON, D. C., FEB. 10, 1887. }

Mrs. M. Holtzman, Dear Madam:—Yours of 6th duly received. My attention was called some time ago to the case of Miss Carroll, and I was then of opinion that she had rendered service deserving substantial recognition by the Government; but I was on committees to which such business did not come and nothing was ever presented in the House with reference to it, so the matter had escaped my memory till refreshed by your letter.

There is so much to do here in public affairs in our committee work as to

preclude originating much other work, but I shall be glad to cooperate in any effort for Miss C's benefit reasonable in amount.

Yours truly,

L. E. PAYSON.

I have had the honor of being appointed Assistant Inspector with three corps to inspect during the year, and while engaged in this work some things have occurred to my mind which, as the time is now given me to say something for the good of our order, with your permission, Madam President, I will improve the opportunity. There are some Corps represented here for the first time. Of course we have all come hoping to learn more and more of our work, and it is surely well to reason together and talk matters over, and to those who are not so firmly rooted and grounded as others, I will be glad to speak. But first, Madam President and ladies, I am proud to express something of my appreciation of the bountiful, cordial and thoughtful hospitality extended to me by the Corps which I have visited, and the willing efforts put forth that I might make trains, that I wished, at untimely hours. Truly our fraternal bond is a strong one, and may our sisterly love grow with our growth, and gain strength with our strength. One thing among many that I thoroughly enjoy in our Corps meetings is, that we leave outside our doors all our differences, sectarian, political or whatever they may be, and for our session at least, upon the common ground of loyalty and good moral character, our aims and interests and loves are one. Our name, Woman's Relief Corps, seems to imply to many that we are *per se* a charitable institution, dispensing that charity which is conveyed in dollars and cents, and unless we are doing this we are doing nothing. Then too there are others who ask what good of the Relief Corps. With the Homes and Asylums and amounts furnished by legislation, and the bountiful care of the G. A. R. for the comrades, what need of the W. R. C.? In order that we may have the wherewithal to answer our questioners may I urge that every member of our order will give her closest attention to our responses on our good and well-fare cards, and be thoroughly conversant with them, and may I also call your attention to some points in our aims and objects which I have discovered are somewhat overlooked, for our mantle of charity is a broad one and capable of much. First, then, our aim is to specially assist the G. A. R. This we are glad to do when any opportunity occurs, and we proudly and humbly stand entrenched as auxiliary to that order, "To perpetuate the memory of the heroic dead." To me this is a very dear and sacred part of our work—to do what is left to do for those who "living were true and tried for us, and dying lie side by side for us." That noble band who hallowed our land with the blood they shed as a tide for us." It is unnecessary to refer here to our decoration day service, but are we impressing this loving, sacred duty upon our children so that it shall be handed down to posterity? We who know what it was to have the dear boys march away from us to "drum beat and heart beat," are to see to it their lives shall be kept ever green. I heard Past Commander-in-Chief P. Vandervoort say, "The time

will come when the last Comrade shall be mustered out of existence, but the Relief Corps goes on indefinitely." "Men may come and men may go, but we go on forever, ever." Our order, not based upon relationship to the soldier, sailor or marine, is not limited to the time when this relationship shall die out, but so long as time shall last, if we do our duty now, so long shall the W. R. C. be in existence to tell the old story of our redemption from slavery and how it was and why it was our glorious country remained the "Land of the free and the home of the brave." "To assist such Union Veterans as need our help and protection and to extend needful aid to the widows and orphans of those who have fallen; to find them homes and employment and assure them of sympathy and friends." No need I think to emphasize this part of our work. Only let us be wise in our giving and follow our directions: "To cherish and emulate the deeds of our army nurses and all loyal women who rendered loving service to their country in her hour of peril." Do we do this? Herein I feel is our lack. How often do we even speak of their deeds. How often do we try to acquaint ourselves and others with Mrs. Whittenmeyer our P. N. C., who from a river transport, upon which were Gen. Grant and others witnessed the passing of Gen. Porter down the river, past Vicksburg under such shocking fire. Of Mrs. Jane Tuissholm, who went to Washington, to the hospitals there, where disease was killing men faster than bullets. Gangrene had broken out amongst them. She asked the surgeon for lemons (a specific.) He replied that he had made a requisition over a week ago, and had heard nothing. She telegraphed the *Tribune* for "lemons! lemons! lemons! No person in health has a right to a glass of lemonade till these men have all they want; send us lemons," and the men got their lemons the very next day. Of Anna E. Carroll who planned a campaign, which it was not best to let the commanders know of lest they would not have faith in it. Of Mother Bickerdyke, so dear to the hearts of the soldiers. Of our honored Clara Barton. These and many, many more we should know about. Some need help; others do not, but we should work for them if we can, and let us hope every year to show them more fully our love and appreciation. "To inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country amongst our children and in the communities in which we live." Thus you see we pose as educators. I was reading an article in a daily paper in which occurred this sentence: "We cannot have an excess of patriotic culture." To disseminate and encourage this patriotic culture is an important part of the mission of the W. R. C. I hope every mother of us will teach our sons it is their honor and pride to be the Son of a Veteran, and that every Corps will work for the establishment and growth of the order. Our daughters we can have with us, unless they choose to work for D. of V. Of this order, however I know very little. By the increasing and spreading of our work through all parts of our land, and giving it the proper impulse, we assume prominence and dignity before the people, who will know us by our work and so cannot forget why we work. It has been urged against us that our national con-

ventions are too heavy machinery and there is too great a display of red tape. Of course some things are to be guarded against, but everything must be done in order, and in every undertaking there must be a recognized head in order to make a successful issue, and our yearly conventions with their consequent stir help keep before a people too prone to forget, this debt of gratitude. "To maintain true allegiance to the U. S. of A. and to discountenance whatever tends to weaken loyalty." It has been said to err is human, to forgive, Divine. Surely our Government has approached Divinity in its forgiveness. "We have nothing but the kindest of feelings for the loyal man, and when I say loyal I mean loyal, I care not if he fought against us in '61-'65. If from that time on he says he will be a loyal man we love him. But the man who is loyal with an and, an if or a but, we do not like. The man who puts his State flag above his National flag, above the Stars and Stripes, we have no use for." But it seems to me the words "Be ye wise as serpents and harmless as doves" fits in here. For wisdom is of itself protection. How can we discourage whatever tends to weaken loyalty unless we keep pace at least with the sayings of Jeff. Davis when he informs the rising generation "You may set it down as a foregone conclusion that everything said about me in the northern papers is a lie," and who is trying to talk of the northern prison pen. It is for us to keep awake and inform the rising generation as to the facts in the case, for as Larie Ganep would say, "Facts are stubborn things and will not be drove." "And to encourage the spread of universal liberty and equal rights to all men." I like the position taken by the W. R. C. on the Mormon question. A set of resolutions have been published from the W. R. C. in Salt Lake City endorsing Miss Kate Field and her lecture and commending her to the consideration of W. R. C. everywhere. Evidently we don't consider punishing bigamy in one section of our country and winking at it in another, is, to say the least of it, equal rights to all men. The more we study our aims and objects, Mrs. President and ladies of the convention, the broader our work appears to me and I will conclude my address in the words of our honored and loved Clara Barton: "Gird on the armor of truth, faith, temperance, purity watchfulness, humanity, and day by day pledge yourselves anew to an integrity and loyalty to your country that no power on earth can shake. Hold firm your organization, and waiting work and, working wait the providences of the eternal." In F., C. & L.

MARY HOLTZMAN.

DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Our President requested me to read a report of my year's work. I really hope all reports are not as meager as mine. Though maybe as Junior-Vice not very much was expected.

Beginning at home, Corps No. 7: Discharges, none; withdrawals, none; number in good standing, 105.

In Treasurer's report I find our Corps fund amounts to \$125.95; relief fund, \$180.93; total \$306.88.

I have received during the year one hundred letters and answered eighty-two. With the assistance of Miss Ada Carlton I enstalled Corps at Saybrook, and though a small town, there were 27 charter members; and from letters received since I learn they have taken in 10 more. I sometimes think the smaller places show the most enthusiasm in the work.

I was called to Mackinaw Corps by its President. They were going to have an open session and she wished me to tell them "What the W. R. C. was for and how long the organization would be needed." I find that Mackinaw is not the only Corps that would like that question answered. We have discussed the same question in our own Corps, and if you will allow me to quote: "We are ready to disband whenever the Grand Army of the Republic is through with us, and that will be when the old soldiers are provided for in proper homes; when soldiers' widows are comfortable and *not* toiling for daily bread; when their children, who are among strangers and deprived of a mother's care are gathered in comfortable homes, and are educated; when the army nurses are pensioned by the government; when this is accomplished, then, and *not* till then, can the Woman's Relief Corps talk of disbanding."

We are grateful to say in Corps No. 7 we have not been called on to mourn the loss of a member by death, but we were called to assist our Post to again put on its emblems of mourning for the loss of one of its best-loved and best-known comrades. He surrendered to "Grim Death," answered the roll-call of the Great Commander.

"Shall the name of Logan ever be heard
By a free man and thrill not his breast?
Is there one out of bondage who loves not the name
Of Logan, the Star of the West?"

Just a few words more: We are told in our by-laws the duty of the Home and Employment Committee is to find homes for soldiers' orphans in homes provided for them by the state. Now ladies, how many know anything of that home? Think what answer you could give that mother when she wants to know something of the home you are taking her darlings to. We who live in Bloomington can give you glowing accounts of its healthfulness and cleanliness; the bright, happy faces of its inmates and see, as I have, the little one clinging to the Matron's skirt as she walked among them, just as they would to their own mother. You would not for a moment doubt but it was a home indeed. But don't you mothers think you would rather trust your own eyes. Now what I want this convention to do is to appoint a meeting at Bloomington, having delegates from each Corps in the Department, and pass one day at the Soldiers' Orphans' Home. And, furthermore, I think each delegate should be a mother, to see with a mother's eye. And now, though almost strangers to each other, we are banded together in the same earnest work of the hour. Let us so perfect the work we have taken up

that the grandest results may be attained for the veterans we have pledged ourselves to aid and sustain, that our organization may be worthy the name, "Womans' Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic."

FLETA C. STAHL, Junior Vice President.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mrs. President, Officers and Members of W. R. C. of Illinois:

I have the honor of presenting the following report of Department Secretary's office and of the membership and condition of the Order during the past year, under the present administration. The year of work in this department has had its trials and days of work and nights of anxious thought for the work of to-morrow, but the fruits of our labors recompense us for the efforts we have made for the advancement of our noble Order. The members we see before us here to-day speak well of what has been accomplished.

The past year has had its sorrows as well as its joys. Many of us have seen those we dearly love pass from us to the "beautiful beyond;" others have lost from among their number some of their best and most loyal workers; others have had to struggle with misfortune, sometimes hard and appalling, but have lived through all to see the clouds break and lift away.

OFFICE WORK.

During the year I have written about 750 letters and 175 postal cards; have forwarded from National and Department Headquarters to all Corps Presidents 12 general orders; for Grand Army of the Republic 1 one general order and 1 circular letter; national pass-words (in cypher) with key following in subsequent mail; blanks for all quarterly reports; forwarded all reports due the National Headquarters, and assisted in organizing four Corps, Numbers 47, 58, 59 and 19.

MEMBERSHIP.

Members in good standing Jan. 1, 1886, as per Past Secretary's consolidated report.....	1,177
Gained by initiation, transfer or reinstatement, 1st quarter.....	290
" " " " " " 2d " 	298
" " " " " " 3d " 	337
" " " " " " 4th " 	521
Total gain.....	1,446
Loss by death, transfer, suspension and discharge, 1st quarter.....	100
" " " " " " 2d " 	115
" " " " " " 3d " 	237
" " " " " " 4th " 	168
Total loss.....	620
Leaving members in good standing January 1, 1887	2,300
Four Corps have reported since Jan. 10, 1887, with a membership of...	103

Ten Corps have been organized since October 20, 1886, (who have not reported), with a membership of..... 220
 Making a total membership in good standing in the Department up to date, of 2,326
 A gain since January 1, 1886, of 1,149

Two Corps have disbanded—George Hunter, No. 38, of Farmington, and Henry Longnecker, No. 19, of Robinson. This last Corps has been re-organized the present month.

CORPS ORGANIZATION IN 1886-7.

The following is a list of names, number and location of Corps organized in the past year:

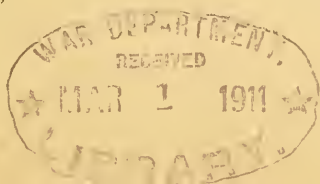
NAME, NO. AND LOCATION,	ORGANIZED.
Dan McCook, 40, Elmwood, - - - - (reorganized)	March 26, 1886
Capt. A. F. Knight, 41, Albany, - - - -	" 10, "
George Newell, 42, Harrisburg, - - - -	April 5, "
Thomas Riddle, 43, LeRoy, - - - -	" 6, "
John A. Davis, 44, Freeport, - - - -	" 28, "
Will C. Robinson, 45, Sterling, - - - -	May —, "
Chas. A. Clark, 46, Ridge Farm, - - - -	April 17, "
John Wood, 47, Quincy, - - - -	" 15, "
Monroe, 48, Casey, - - - -	June 4, "
Russel, 49, Hamilton, - - - -	" 5, "
Ellsworth, 50, Oquawka, - - - -	May 26, "
John Hittle, 51, Mackinaw, - - - -	July 17, "
Harley Wayne, 52, Marengo, - - - -	June 25, "
H. C. Phillips, 53, Bellair, - - - -	July 17, "
S. N. Sanders, 54, Arcola, - - - -	" 21, "
Sparta, 55, Sparta, - - - -	Oct. 22, "
J. A. Maltby, 56, Morseville, - - - -	Sept. 17, "
McPherson, 57, Saybrook, - - - -	Oct. 20, "
John A. Bross, 58, Springfield, - - - -	Nov. 15, "
Galva, 19, Galva, - - - -	Jan. 7, 1887
McCullough, 59, Earlville, - - - -	" 26, "
Geddes, 60, LaHarpe, - - - -	Feb. 7, "
Cooling, 61, Byron, - - - -	" 4, "
Bogardus, 62, Washington, - - - -	" 2, "
H. Longnecker, 63, Robinson, - - - - (reorganized)	" 2, "
Franklin, 64, Monticello, - - - -	" 2, "
Buford, 66, Rock Island, - - - -	—, "

Charters have been granted No. 65, Camp Point, and No. 67 at Metropolis City, not yet organized.

There has been expended in charity in the various Corps in the state as shown in consolidated report, the sum of \$1,100.93, and \$824.65 turned over to Posts during the year just passed.

LIST OF SUPPLIES ON HAND, IN DEPARTMENT SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

1 Letter Press,	131 Quarterly Report Blanks,
1 Charter Seal,	135 Keys to Pass-words,
20 Charter Blanks,	3 Copy Books, (2 full, 1 partly full),
3 Charter Rolls,	1 Beath's Revised Blue Book,
1 Record Book,	10 Transfer Cards,
1 Roster,	8 Membership Cards,
1 Ledger,	4 Credentials to National Convention,



1 Order Book,
1 Black Book,
2 Dies,

Small Piece of Charter Ribbon,
1 Copying Brush,
2 Rituals.

I would earnestly recommend that every Corps President would thoroughly examine and correct every figure in reports of Secretary and Treasurer, before she attests its correctness by her signature. By complying with this recommendation much valuable time and expense would be saved to the Department and its officers.

I desire to return thanks to Department Treasurer, Sue A. Sanders, with whom I have had such a large correspondence, for the many words of kindness and encouragement she has given me; and I cannot close this report without thanking the ladies in different parts of the state that have written me many kind and pleasant letters, that have been to me the silver lining in the clouds that seemed to hover over us.

And to you, Mrs. President, I return sincere thanks for the unlimited confidence and trust you have ever shown me, and if in any way I have failed to meet your expectations as your Secretary, as I know I have, I can but trust that you will overlook my failings with the same kindness you have ever shown me during the past year.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

LIZZIE HUBBARD, Department Secretary.

DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT.

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT TREASURER, W. R. C.,

DELAVER, ILL., February 14, 1887.

To Mrs. Lizzie Hubbard, Department Secretary:

In compliance with our rules and regulations I have the honor to present a statement of the business done by the Department Treasurer of Illinois W. R. C., from Feb. 18, 1886, to Feb. 16, 1887:

ACCOUNT CURRENT.

Sue A. Sanders, Department Treasurer, in account with the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Illinois.

DEBIT.

To amount received from Post Treasurer.....	\$21.56
" " " for Charter Fees.....	130.00
" " " " Per Capita.....	683.10
" " " " Convention Proceeds.....	8.20
" " " " Miscellaneous Receipts.....	12.04
" " " " Supplies Sold	855.58

Total to be accounted for..... \$1,710.48

CREDIT.

By Disbursements as per Abstracts.....	\$1,503.03
" Cash on Hand.....	207.45
Total Accounted for.....	\$1,710.48

ABSTRACT OF DISBURSEMENTS.

First Quarter, from February 18th to March 31, 1886.

March 30.	Paid Lizzie Hubbard, post., etc.....	\$ 6.63
" "	" Julia G. Sine Traveling Expenses	4.69
Total.....		\$11.32

Second Quarter, from April 1st to June 30th:

April 7.	Paid Lizzie Hubbard, postage, etc.....	\$ 5.75
" "	" Clara W. Harral, express and postage	5.75
" "	" Sue A. Sanders, traveling expenses	13.14
" "	" Sue A. Sanders, expenses, postage, books, etc.....	19.96
" 14.	" C. W. Putman, printing.....	31.50
" 24.	" National per capita, 1st quarter	82.02
May 19.	" Julia G. Sine, traveling expenses	4.40
" "	" Minnie M. Kyle " "	4.40
" "	" Mary E. VanAlstyne, traveling expenses.....	4.40
" "	" Clara W. Harral	2.25
" "	" Olive Clifton.....	6.25
June 12.	" L. A. Turner, for supplies.....	100.00
" 13.	" Lizzie Hubbard	5.00
" 18.	" Clara W. Harral	7.87
" "	" Mrs. Sadie Rowley.....	3.25
" 25.	" Julia G. Sine.....	10.14
" "	" Sue A. Sanders	16.10
Total		\$321.28

Third Quarter from July 1st to September 30th:

July 6.	Paid L. A. Turner	\$100.00
" 15.	" Lizzie Hubbard	6.40
" "	" Clara W. Harral	5.00
" 21.	" Lizzie Hubbard, salary.....	29.41
" "	" Clara W. Harral, National per capita tax.....	31.00
Sept. 20.	" J. H. Hodder & Co., printing	50.00
" "	" L. A. Turner, for supplies.....	100.00
Total		\$321.81

Fourth Quarter, from October 1st to February 16th:

Oct. 20.	Paid Clara W. Harral	\$ 32.50
" "	" Clara W. Harral, National per capita tax.....	33.00
Nov. 25.	" Lizzie Hubbard, salary.....	17.48
" "	" Lizzie Hubbard, expenses.....	6.25
Dec. 23.	" Clara W. Harral, expenses, etc.....	5.98
" "	" L. A. Turner, for supplies.....	300.00
" "	" Sue A. Sanders, postage, express, etc.....	41.25
" 29.	" Margaret L. Sandes, for Inspection.....	29.08
" "	" Gertie E. Lyle, " "	3.49
" "	" Julia G. Sine, " "	4.86
" "	" Lizzie Hubbard, " "	4.70

"	"	"	Mary Holtzman,	"	"	10.90
Jan.	4.	"	Emeline Thomas,	"	"	3.48
"	"	"	Sylvia M. Diehl,	"	"	4.90
"	5.	"	Ellen Ziegler,	"	"	8.85
"	26.	"	C. W. Harral, National per capita tax			40.06
"	31.	"	L. A. Turner, for supplies			175.00
Feb.	5.	"	D. A. Leaverton, for Inspection			25.00
"	"	"	Clara W. Harral, traveling expenses			16.96
"	"	"	Ellen Ziegler, for Inspection			1.75
"	"	"	Ada Carlton, " "			5.30
"	10.	"	Sue A. Sanders, express, postage, etc.			15.04
"	"	"	Lizzie Hubbard, salary			21.42
"	"	"	L. A. Turner, for supplies			35.00
"	11.	"	Anna Morgan, for Inspection			6.37
Total						\$848.63

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS.

First Quarter	\$ 11.32
Second "	321.28
Third "	321.81
Fourth "	848.62
Total	\$1,503.03

ABSTRACT OF PER CAPITA TAX.

First Quarter	\$145.45
Second "	154.95
Third "	178.75
Fourth "	208.95
Total	\$688.10

SUPPLIES ISSUED TO SUBORDINATE CORPS.

180 Rituals,	30 Ledgers,
42 Installation Services,	26 Record Books,
1,207 Rules and Regulations,	22 Cash Books,
1,284 Applications,	24 Roll Memberships,
84 Transfer Cards,	36 Drafts,
100 Discharge Cards,	28 Receipts,
21 Membership "	17 Black Books,
25 Blank Charters,	1,000 Quarterly Reports,
256 Officers Badges,	20 Department Reports,
839 Floor Badges,	150 Credential Cards,
717 Odes,	105 Inspection Blanks,
468 Good and Welfare,	9 Electrotypes,
3 Blue Books,	6 Order Books.

Supplies used by the Department, \$22.21.

SUPPLIES ON HAND.

6 Rituals	\$ 1.20
15 Services	2.70
96 Rules and Regulations	5.76
311 Applications for Membership	2.63
60 Transfer Cards	.75
86 Discharge Cards	2.58

24 Membership Cards	.30
84 Officers Badges	29.40
65 Floor Badges	22.75
82 Good and Welfare Cards	.82
90 Odes	.90
9 Records	6.75
9 Ledgers	6.75
9 Cash Books	9.00
8 Roll Membership	8.00
3 Drafts	1.50
11 Receipts	5.50
2 Blue Books	1.50
3 Order Books	1.80
13 Treasurer's Reports	.78
6 Credential Blanks—National	.12
6 Junior Vice Cards	.12
6 Treasurer's "	.12
6 Guard's "	.12
3 Chaplain's "	.06
6 Secretary's "	.12
110 Assistant Conductor's Cards	2.20
104 " Guard's "	2.08
6 Electrotypes—Large	2.10
7 " Small	1.75

Total value of supplies on hand.....\$120.16

Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

ASSETS.

Supplies on hand as per statement.....	\$120.16
Cash on hand	207.45
Amount due from Corps	71.61
Total.....	\$399.22

Liabilities.....None.

The above report shows our order to be in a good condition financially. It shows an increase of one-half for the past year, which has added greatly to the labors of Secretary and Treasurer, which during the coming year will demand the most of the entire time of both officers.

Ladies, before laying aside the duties, cares, perplexities and great responsibilities of the past year's work, I can but feel it my duty to bring before this convention some of the requirements of the office that must be fulfilled, if the work prove satisfactory to Department and Corps throughout the state, and general success to our Order.

While it is true the Treasurer might be placed on a pinnacle of honor, with power to say "You must; you shall; I'm right; you are wrong; I've no time to explain; no time to copy statements, etc.," I am here to state that such fulfillment of office will never answer for duties of our Treasurer, for though officers of the Department, our position has not placed us one iota above those whose votes gave us the honor. We are merely their ser-

vants, placed under heavy and trying circumstances, and should never occupy such responsible positions only on merits of ability. Favor, position, locality or friends, should not be the standard of success unless all combine with ability of candidates. It seems that a lady accepting a position as an officer of this Department should expect to fulfill it in acts as well as name, and anyone who has not the time, physical and moral strength to fulfill duties of all offices whatsoever, the requirements of which they should be fully assured beforehand, ought never to accept for honor alone. Please tell me how any lady sick or away from home half the time could possibly fill either of the leading offices of this Department satisfactorily, or how can anyone stand at the head of such an organization, one that is growing so fast and demanding so much attention, so much patience, who knows nothing of the running gear throughout the state? It is true anyone can issue a *General Order*, but do they not too often follow the fate of the floating hand-bill, before they reach the Corps, and if they reach it at all be set down on as "red tape" and there lost? Ladies, in the four years' experience in consummating ideas and discipline, there must certainly now be among us those who have learned the requirements of the Department, who can take the reins and double the speed another year. Our President, Secretary and Treasurer should each and all be physically and willfully strong, and withal possessed of the qualifications of a good financier. Last year it was "Hopkins' choice" for Treasurer; this year may there be many well fitted to battle for the position, and may the Treasurer-elect find at the head one who is capable of guiding aright the two extremely important officers, Secretary and Treasurer. In fact, all ladies filling positions should be in correspondence with officers occasionally and study our laws and demands, that the future may find them ready to accept responsibilities. Our President should occasionally exchange thoughts and ideas with other officers, whether she accepts their ideas or not, for one person never yet knew it all; each are apt to make mistakes. How could a Department Chaplain possibly make out her report if in her heart she never held a loving thought for our fallen heroes? or how could a sentinel guard a door who knew not well her charge, for all well done, she truly learns to fill a higher place. As the assertion has so often been made as to the small duties of the Treasurer, I wish to present a few statistics to relieve the doubting mind and place an assurance on the time demanded to fill this office as it should be. During the year I have received 310 letters besides 190 orders, many of which from Department Secretary were four or five combined. I have written 549 letters and issued 377 receipts, as shown by my books; for every cent of money received by me has been receipted, even to the amount of eight cents. Every letter received has been promptly answered, never, I think, in any case even twenty-four hours intervening between letter and reply. Every order has been sent by first mail or express, when possible to furnish the supplies; in case of impossibility ladies have been notified of the fact. When advice has been sought, I have stated my opinions and referred all

to Department authority. I have received twenty-eight bills of supplies from National Treasurer, amounting in all to \$816.90, together with the past indebtedness of \$48.79 due the National, all of which has been paid, and for which I hold the National Treasurer's receipts.

The way our rules and regulations require this work to be done is complicated and often perplexing, and has only been kept satisfactory to myself by a quadruple check on every account, and notwithstanding my books are audited by the Council, they are free for proper and careful examination of every member of the Department. Fully half of my time has been spent in this work, which I trust will be appreciated by this grand body.

I cannot close my report without publicly thanking the Department Secretary, Mrs. Lizzie Hubbard, for her ever genial and pleasant correspondence, and mutual forbearance and consideration of our mutual mistakes which have sometimes occurred, but which have been made straight without an exception. The pleasant associations of the year with Department Secretary, and the ladies of the Corps throughout the state, has rendered all very dear to me, for, with one exception, there has not been a dissenting line. All correspondence has been kind and sisterly, and I here ask that every delegate present carry my thanks of appreciation to their several Corps, and may my successor find you as courteous, pleasant and obliging in the future as I have in the past. All of which is fraternally submitted

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

SUE A. SANDERS, Department Treasurer.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN, W. R. C.,
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, FEBRUARY 7TH, 1887.

Mrs. Clara W. Harral, President Department of Illinois, W. R. C. Aurora, Ill.—Dear Madam:

The Department year which is now drawing to a close under your judicious management has been, I feel, one of eminent success to the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Illinois.

There have been some things, perhaps, to annoy and hinder you in your good work; still these have been more than counterbalanced by the steadily growing confidence in this order, as the true auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, and in you, Mrs. President, as the head of the Department, as is shown by the number of Corps organized during the year and now in good standing.

When you assumed your duties as presiding officer there were thirty-nine Corps in good standing and there are now sixty-five, showing an increase of 25, and all in good working order. Could I be permitted to make a suggestion it would be that there might be more visiting of Corps by the Department officers, for encouragement to them, over and above the regu-

lar duties of inspection of Corps, which is always done by the proper officers, and is often looked forward to with more of dread least they may not have reached the standard required by a better knowledge of the rules and regulations.

With your permission I will include in this report a duplicate of the one I made for National Chaplain, Mrs. Annie Whittenmyer, June, 1886, to show that there was a deep interest taken in Memorial services in this Department:

OFFICE OF CHAPLAIN, DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS, W. R. C. {
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, JUNE 29, 1886. }

*"Mrs. Annie Whittenmyer, National Chaplain W. R. C., Philadelphia, Pa.—Dear Madam:—*I have the honor to enclose to you the condensed report of the Corps for Memorial Day in the Department of Illinois W. R. C.

"A little more than twenty years since, the Grand Army of the Republic was organized by one of Illinois honored sons, the late Dr. B. F. Stephenson, who was its first Commander-in-Chief, and whose remains now lie in Rose Hill Cemetery, in the City of Petersburg, Menard county, Illinois. He rests from his labors, and the Grand Army of the Veterans testify that his works follow him.

"Simultaneously with this organization, was that of the beautiful custom of strewing flowers upon the graves of our soldier-dead, and it is indeed fitting that these loving services should be performed under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic, more especially so, since through the interest of one of its early Commanders-in-Chief, Gen. John A. Logan, the 30th of May was set apart as a day most fitting to unite in paying such homage to our honored dead, and still later through his influence that this day became a National holiday, known as Memorial Day, often improperly called "Decoration Day."

"True, the graves of our brave soldiers were decorated by immediate relatives and loving friends, but it was not until the 30th of May, 1868, that the day became catholic.

"The most elaborate preparations we can make are small compared to the great sacrifice which the soldier made for his country in her hour of peril, when he yielded up his young life full of ambitious hopes that he might perpetuate to us a government which had, from its birth, retained all of its strength, a country which had increased its honor, and a flag which had tripped its stars.

Nor are we forgetful of those whose graves are unknown and unmarked, to our vision, nor of those who have perished at sea; nor of the dear, faithful Army nurse who fainted not by the way-side, but served on and on, regardless of privations until stricken down in her young years, full of hope and promise.

"The flowers, the wreaths, the flags, the mounds, the crosses, and the monuments wreathed in flowers, all testify our appreciation of these services.

The following condensed report will show what the W. R. C. of Illinois, not only attempted, but carried out as auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic:

G. L. NEVINS, No. 1—Membership, 158; number taking part, 100. Flowers provided by contribution. Memorial was prepared for unknown dead. Expenses incurred, \$12.00. Refreshments provided for Post.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, No. 2.—Membership, 22; number taking part, 13. Corps attended memorial services in a body. 140 children took part. Memorial was prepared for unknown dead. The Children's Union to the number of 60 also took part. Expenses incurred, \$4.00.

VETERAN, No. 3.—Membership, 58; taking part, 40. Corps attended Memorial services in a body. 38 children took part. Flowers contributed. Altar erected to unknown dead.

DEMHAM, No. 4.—Membership, 38; taking part, 20. Corps attended Memorial services in a body. 12 children took part. Flowers were contributed. A memorial was prepared for unknown dead. Two flags were placed upon each soldier's grave.

ALFRED HARRISON, No. 5.—Membership, 30; number taking part, 20. Children took part. 36 boys and 36 girls. Memorial was prepared for unknown dead. Flowers provided by contribution. Expenses incurred, \$11.05.

BLOOMINGTON, No. 7.—Membership, 90; number taking part, 75. Corps attended memorial services in a body. Flowers were contributed. Mound in shape of tent was prepared and filled with flowers. Expenses, \$3.50.

JOE. HOOKER, No. 9.—Membership, 34; number taking part, 22. Corps attended memorial services in a body. Children to the number of 147 took part. Flowers were contributed and memorial prepared for unknown dead. Expenses, \$10.91.

AURORA, No. 10.—Membership, 50; number taking part, 30. Corps attended memorial services as a body. 30 children took part. Flowers were contributed and memorial prepared for unknown dead. Expenses \$.75.

J. F. FRENCH No. 11.—Membership, 48; taking part, 38. Corps attended memorial services in a body. 75 children took part. Flowers contributed. Memorial for unknown dead, also remembrance to deceased sisters.

BRYNER, No. 12.—Membership, 57; taking part, 37. Corps attended memorial services as a body. Flowers were contributed. Mound prepared in memory of unknown dead, also a floral knapsack. Expenses incurred, \$13.00.

CHILLICOTHE, No. 13.—Membership, 37; number taking part, 17. Corps attended memorial services as a body. Children, 27 boys and 27 girls, took part in exercises. Flowers contributed and memorial prepared for unknown dead.

JOHN BROWN, No. 14.—Membership, 34; number taking part, 20. Corps attended memorial services in a body. Ten children took part. Flowers were contributed and memorial prepared for unknown dead. Expenses incurred, \$9.00.

T. LYLE DICKEY, No. 15.—Membership, 44; number taking part, 30. Corps attended memorial services as a body. Fifty children took part. Flowers were contributed. Memorial was prepared for unknown dead.

DARVEAU, No. 16. Membership, 53. Thirty took part. Corps attended memorial service as a body. Flowers were provided by purchase and contribution. Memorial prepared for unknown dead. Addresses were delivered on Sunday. Expenses, \$30.00.

STEPHENSON, No. 17.—Membership, 62; number taking part, 60. Corps attended services as a body. Forty-two children took part. Flowers were contributed. Memorial prepared for unknown dead, also a tribute to Mrs. Anderson and Army nurses.

POTTER, No. 18.—Membership, 45; taking part, 25. Corps attended services in a body. Flowers contributed. Memorial for unknown dead.

PHILLIPS, No. 20.—Membership, 60. All took part. Corps attending

memorial services in a body. Flowers contributed and boquets prepared in memory of unknown dead.

LEMAN, No. 21. Membership, 21; number taking part, 18. Corps attended memorial services as a body. 125 children took part. Flowers contributed. Memorial for unknown dead. Decorations very elaborate. Expenses, \$3.00.

NUNDA, No. 22. Membership, 24; number taking part, 18. Corps attended services in a body. Forty-eight children took part. Flowers contributed. Memorial prepared for unknown dead.

LOTT, No. 24. Membership, 57; number taking part, 32. Corps attended memorial services as a body. Twenty-eight children took part. Flowers were contributed. Expenses \$.58.

OLNEY, No. 25. Membership, 22; number taking part, 19. Flowers were furnished by contribution.

LACON, No. 26. Membership, 30; number taking part, 8. Flowers contributed and memorial prepared for unknown dead.

ISAAC McMANUS No. 27. Membership, 30. All took part. Attended services as a body. Three hundred children took part in exercises.

WARREN, No. 29.—Membership, 24. Twenty took part. Corps attended as a body. 125 children took part in exercises. Flowers contributed. Memorial for unknown dead. Cross, three feet high covered with flowers. Refreshments served to Post. Expenses incurred, \$25.00.

A. C. HARDING, No. 30. Membership, 28. Twenty-four participated. Corps attended as a body. Fifty-eight children took part. A memorial was prepared for unknown dead. A mound being built. Expenses incurred \$10.25.

JAMES A. GARFIELD, No. 31.—Membership, 22. Twenty took part in exercises. Corps attended in a body. Twenty girls with flowers and 17 boys with flags for each grave. Flowers contributed. Memorial for unknown dead. Expenses, \$3.50.

LAWN RIDGE, No. 32.—Membership, 16. Twelve took part, with sixteen young ladies not members of Corps. Corps attended in a body. Flowers contributed. Memorial for unknown dead.

McDONOUGH, No. 34.—Membership, 54. All participated, attending as a body. One hundred children took part in exercises. A mound prepared as memorial of unknown dead.

DEHAVAN, No. 35.—Membership, 44. All taking part. Corps attended memorial services as a body, on Sunday, May 30th; also on Monday, the 31st. When an address was made by Lieut. Gov. Smith. Seventy-five children took part, gathering about the monument, at the base of which four little girls representing "Angels of Peace" were seated, singing:

"What can the children do?
They can bring bright flowers
In the May-day hours
For the graves of the boys in blue."

A mound was prepared for the unknown dead, which was covered with lovely flowers by little boys, sons of the old Veterans. Flowers were contributed.

SEDGWICK, No. 36. Membership, 25. Fourteen took part in exercises, attending in a body. Thirty-nine children participated. Flowers contributed. Memorial for unknown dead. Expenses, \$2.84.

JOHN W. WATTS, No. 37. Membership, 22. Nineteen took part. Corps

attended memorial service as a body. Flowers contributed. Expenses, 50c.

GEO. HUNTER, No. 38.—Membership, 14. All took part, attending in a body. Thirty children took part. Flowers contributed.

M. K. LAWLER, No. 39.—Observed the day; school children taking part. Corps provided carriages to convey children and all who wished to go to cemetery, two miles from city; and also provided refreshments for Post.

DAN MCCOOK, No. 40.—Membership, 26. All took part, attending as a body. Flowers contributed. Memorial for unknown dead. Refreshments served to Post.

CAPT. A. F. KNIGHT, No. 41.—Membership, 40; fourteen took part attending in a body. Fifty children participated. Flowers were contributed. Memorial prepared for unknown dead.

THOMAS RIDDLE, No. 43.—Corps attended as a body. Flowers were contributed and memorial for unknown dead.

JOHN A. DAVIS, No. 44.—Membership 24; flowers contributed and memorial prepared for unknown dead.

WILL C. ROBINSON, No. 45.—Membership 43; flowers were contributed. A mound and 25 bouquets prepared in memory of unknown dead.

MONROE, No. 48.—Membership, 17; all taking part, attending services in a body. One hundred and forty children had part. Flowers contributed. Memorial for unknown dead. Expenses incurred, \$3.00.

RECAPITULATION.

No. of Corps taking part in Memorial services	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
" " members,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,481
" " taking part in Memorial service,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,134
" " Corps, as a body, attending,	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
" " in which children took part,	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
" " children taking part	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,881
Amount of money expended for decoration	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$199.98
No. of Corps serving refreshments to Posts	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
" " having a memorial to "Unknown Dead,"	-	-	-	-	-	-	34

"Hoping that each year the W. R. C may grow in numbers and strength and that Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty may increase amongst us and ever make us mindful of the solemn vows we have taken in behalf of the living, and prompt us to ever remember those who have died, and that the blessings of an All-wise Great Commander may rest upon all our endeavors, I am yours to command, and respectfully submit this report.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND,
Department Chaplain W. R. C. of Illinois."

During my service as Corps President I felt a need of suitable prayers for the opening and closing of the Corps. I invited the Chaplain of the Corps, Mrs. Eva M. Smith, to reduce to writing one for each, and with the sanction of the Department President we have used them. It may not be out of place to transcribe them in this report, with the hope that if they meet with the approbation of the members of this Convention they may receive further endorsement, and the several Corps of the Department be permitted to use them if a like need is felt by them:

OPENING PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, into thy hands we commend our order, humbly asking

Thy blessing on our work, looking to Thee for prosperity and success.

May Fraternity prevail, and be extended among us. Cover with the broad mantle of Charity our sins of omission and commission, and may our Loyalty be perfect and unquestioned.

Bless, we beseech Thee, the Grand Army of the Republic, and help us to assist them. Regard with special and loving favor all soldiers, sailors and marines, and all others who have our country's welfare at heart.

Graciously and tenderly be with the poor and needy and the stranger, and those who have no help; with the widow whose God Thou art, and the orphan, unto whom Thou art specially a Father.

Make us zealous and faithful in good works and finally save us and the world with an everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. "Our Father," &c.

CLOSING PRAYER.

Our Heavenly Father, graciously be with us as we are about to separate.

As we mingle in the world, may we not forget the sacred vows made here, and may we ever be true to our pledges, to each other, to ourselves, and *above all* to Thee.

Give us the spirit that thinketh no evil, that suffereth long and is kind, each esteeming others better than ourselves. May we be united indeed in the bonds of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, and be filled with an ever increasing zeal to relieve the soldier's widow and orphan, and aid in every way possible the Grand Army of the Republic, and at last may we be saved through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Feeling that our work must ever be more effective begun and ended by asking the protection of our Father I submit these petitions.

And, my dear Mrs. President, after your duties are over in this good work as its Department presiding officer, may the consciousness that your work has been appreciated, be your reward. And to this end I pray our Father's care on this Department and all of its members.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND, Department Chaplain, W. R. C.

DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS, W. R. C., FEBRUARY 17, 1887.

To the Officers and Members of the W. R. C., Department of Illinois, in Convention Assembled:

I have the honor to report that I have received for the year ending September 30, 1886, reports from 50 Corps, out of a total of 52 Corps organized previous to that date. In this work I was assisted by 15 Assistant Inspectors, as follows:

Mrs. Ellen Ziegler,
" Mary Holtzman,
" Gusta L. Brooks,
" Mary A. Van Alstyne,
" Julia G. Sine,
" Anna Morgan,
Miss Ada Carlton,

Mrs. E. J. Herdman,
" Delilah A. Leaverton,
" Lizzie Hubbard,
" Emeline Thomas,
" Laura E. Distin,
" Lydia Raymond,
Miss Gertie E. Lyle,

Miss Josephine P. Cleveland.

The two Corps not reported on had been assigned to an Assistant Inspector who was prevented from visiting them by illness in her family. Almost all the Corps are reported to be in good working order, and much interest in the work appears to animate even those whose membership is small. The work of memorizing the Ritual appears to have been better attended to during the past year and while the secret work has been fully committed to memory in three Corps only, yet a very large number report this important duty partly attended to. It appears to be very essential, that all officers of Corps should pay particular attention to this portion of their duty.

While it may not strictly appertain to my report I cannot refrain from congratulating this Department on the large increase in membership during the past year. On the 1st day of October, 1885, we had 983 members in good standing, while on the 1st of October, 1886, our members in good standing numbered 2,017, an increase of 1,034 during the year.

The average attendance of officers has been, on the whole, very good, while the average attendance of members has increased from sixteen and nineteen-twenty-sixth at last report to $17\frac{1}{2}$ this year. The Corps in this Department have nearly all established a Relief Fund and the reports show \$1,253.29 expended for relief during the year with a balance remaining in the relief funds of the various Corps of \$2,131.77.

Reports show the officers of Corps as a rule very enthusiastic in their devotion to the order and its objects, and I think we have much reason to feel gratified at the substantial progress made, both in the increase of membership and the increase of means, by the Corps throughout the state.

I respectfully recommend that the inspection of Corps shall commence in future on October 1st instead of on November 1st as heretofore.

I cannot conclude without mentioning the very gratifying fact that Assistant Inspectors invariably speak in the highest terms of the kind and hospitable manner in which they were received and welcomed by the officers and members of the Corps visited, thus exemplifying in their truest sense the fundamental principles of our beloved order, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, blended and cemented together with sisterly love.

RECAPITULATION.

Members in good standing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,017
Amount expended in charity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,253.29
“ in Relief Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$2,131.77
Corps inspected	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50

MARGARET I. SANDES, Department Inspector.

DEPARTMENT COUNSELLOR'S REPORT.

ROCKFORD, ILL., FEB. 14, 1887.

Mrs. Lizzie Hubbard, Department Secretary:

It is my pleasure to submit herewith the first report under the official

heading, and I trust I am permitted to express my appreciation of the manner with which my opinions have been received, throughout the year by the Department President and others engaged in this grand and noble work. From letters, and other sources, I have, with pride, watched the growth of this Department. I think it is the duty of every member of this Department to familiarize herself with the Rules and Regulations, and for higher authority Boath's Blue Book. And it must be remembered that the Counselor does not render decisions, but it is her duty to hold herself in readiness to give intelligent opinions to the President whenever called upon.

OPINION FIRST.

Can a Corps President suspend an officer from her chair?

Can a Corps set aside the rules and regulations?

1st. If for non-payment of dues, which according to Sec. 3, Art. 4, Chap. 5, she was obliged to do if the member was six months in arrears and been properly notified as per Sec. 4, Art. 8, Chap. 2, by the Corps Treasurer. But if for charges against the member, she could not suspend from her privilege as a Corps member, but if the party be an officer she may be suspended from the duties of her office by the Corps President.

2nd.—No Corps by any vote could set aside the Rules and Regulations. Whether the President or either of the Vice-Presidents were presiding would make no difference. It is the duty, clearly stated and repeated by the President, to enforce a strict observance of Rules and Regulations, and every Corps President has so obligated herself when installed.

OPINION SECOND.

Can personal feeling be brought into the ballot box?

I think there is no Rule that governs this case. But in my judgement it would be best to set aside such a feeling and not carry it so far as the ballot box.

OPINION THIRD.

Can a Corps have By-laws aside from Rules and Regulations?

A Corps can have By-laws so long as they don't conflict with Rules and Regulations. Yours in F., C. and L.,

JULIA G. SINE, Department Counsellor.

DEPARTMENT INSTITUTING AND INSTALLING OFFICER'S REPORT.

OFFICE OF INSTITUTING AND INSTALLING OFFICER. }
ROCKFORD, ILL., FEB. 16, 1887. }

Mrs. Lizzie Hubbard, Secretary Department of Illinois W.R.C.:

I have the honor to report the Institution of new Corps in this Department during the past year.

Previous to this year there has been no report from a regularly appointed Instituting and Installing officer, but with the rapid growth of the Order the work has become systematized and I herewith submit my report.

An attempt to present anything like a complete report of the work accom-

plished by the Assistant Instituting and Installing Officers would be impossible as only two of them have reported direct to me.

The first Corps organized by me was the John A. Davis, No. 44, at Freeport. President Mrs. Carrie Taylor. Organized Apr. 28, 1886; 24 charter members.

The second, at Byron, Feb. 4, 1887. Name, Cooling; President, Mrs. M. F. Spaulding, No. 61. This Corps was not fully organized, having no supplies, owing to some misunderstanding between Post Commander and Department Headquarters.

These are the only two Corps I have had the pleasure of organizing.

Mrs. D. A. Leaverton has reported to me the Corps organized by her. They are as follows:

Charles A. Clark, No. 46, Ridge Farm. President, Mrs. Lydia B. Pierce. Organized April 17, 1886. Charter members, 49.

Monroe, No. 48, Casey. President, Mrs. Hattie Tobias. Organized June 4, 1886. Charter members, 17.

H. C. Phillips, No. 53, Bellair. President, Mrs. Arminda Tracy. Organized July 17, 1886. Charter members, 13.

Sparta, No. 55, Sparta. President, Mrs. Anna Detrich. Organized October 22, 1886. Charter members, 24.

Henry Longnecker, 63, Robinson. President, Hattie Casey. Organized February 2, 1887. Charter members, 26.

Mrs. Julia G. Sine, Past Department President, has organized the following:

Will C. Robinson, No. 45, Sterling. President Mary Headley; Secretary, Gertie Lyle. Organized May, 1886. Charter members, 41.

Harley Wayne, No. 52, Marengo. President, Miss Louise Green. Organized June 25, 1886. Charter members, 50.

The balance of the report of organization I will copy from list sent me by Department Secretary:

FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF

Name.	Number.	Date of Organization.	Chart. Mem.	Name of President.	By whom organized.	Location.
Dan McCook	40	Mar. 23, '86	17	Mary Harper	Fred W. Brune	Elmwood
Knight,	41	Mar. 10, '86	16	Mary Lisk	Mary Girard	Albany
Newell,	42	Apr. 5, '86	36	Kate Pickett	F. M. Pickett P. C.	Harrisburg
Leroy,	43	Apr. 6, '86		Alexine Murray	J. P. Patterson	Leroy
John Woods,	47	Apr. 15, '86	65	Georgia Berry	Lizzie Hubbard	Quincy
Ressell,	49	June 5, '86	18	Mary McClellan	Anna Eby	Hamilton
Ellsworth,	50	May 26, '86	50	Jane Watson	E. J. Aerdman	Opaika
John Hittle,	51	July 17, '86	11	May Davis	Marion A. Mann	Mackinaw
Sanders,	54	July 21, '86	27	Nellie Bassett	Mary A. Bradley	Arcola
Mally,	56	Sept. 17, '86	11	Rachel Nash	E. P. Aming	Morseville
McPherson,	57	Oct. 20, '86	26	Arminda Rodman	Fleta Stahl	Saybrook
John Bross,	58	Nov. 16, '86	27	Susie Davis	Lizzie Hubbard	Springfield
Galva,	19	Jan. 7, '87	19	Lottie Milchrist	Clara W. Harral	Galva
McCullough,	59	Jan. 26, '87	25	Ella Gill	Clara W. Harral	Earville
Bogardus,	62	Feb. 2, '87	16	A. Alphonso	Marion A. Mann	Washington
Geddes,	60	Feb. 7, '87	32	Mary Cassell	Carrie B. Carr	La Harpe
Frank Blair,	64	Jan. 20, '87		Inez Bender	J. R. Dave, P. C.	Monticello

I have only reports from two regarding installation of officers for the new year.

Mrs. Julia G. Sine went to Marengo and installed the newly elected officers. They held a joint installation in G. A. R. Hall.

At Palestine a public installation was held at G. A. R. Hall, Mrs. Sarah Freeman acting as Installing officer. The Post were present in a body. The Corps were presented with a fine organ during the evening.

I received an invitation from Mrs. Mary Eldred, President of Sedgwick Corps, at Gardner, to install their newly elected officers. The installation was public. After the business was over the ladies had a program of unusual excellence. Then refreshments were served. All present expressed

themselves as highly pleased with the evening's entertainment.

At Rockford the Post and Corps held a double public installation. The Post officers were installed first, by Maj. Peats. Then the Corps officers by Department Instituting and Installing officer. During the evening the Post was presented with a flag and the John A. Logan Camp S. of V. presented with a fine portrait of Gen. John A. Logan.

I have received no report of other installations.

In closing my report I would say that I know of no organization in history conducted by ladies who have so nobly joined hands to work for those who have, and were, willing to sacrifice their lives for the good of their country.

And now, with a new year before us, let harmony and mutual reliance in each other characterize all our efforts, that the Grand Army, whose proud auxiliary we are, may never have cause to regret they permitted us to walk by their side, under the banner of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

MINNIE M. KYLE, Department Instituting and Installing Officer.

These were all listened to with marked attention, and received with applause by those present, many of whom were members of the Grand Army, who seemed well pleased with the work of the past year.

The various reports were then referred to Committee on Officers' reports.

Convention adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention was called to order by Department President and opened in Ritualistic form.

Roll call of officers followed. All were present except Department Chaplain Miss Josephine P. Cleveland, of Springfield, Ill. Mrs. Lida Oldroyd was appointed Chaplain.

The President then made the following appointments:

Mrs. Margaret I. Sandes, of Chicago, Conductor.

“ Emma C. Beekly, of Nunda, Guard.

“ Laura E. Distin, of Quincy, Assistant Conductor.

Miss Nellie Hoagland, of Henry, Assistant Guard.

Mrs. Minnie Kyle, of Rockford, Assistant Secretary.

After investigation the Conductors reported all present members of the order, but some Corps were reported as having three pass-words, one designated as a Corps pass-word. Motion was made by Mrs. Sine, of Rockford, seconded by Mrs. Eldred, of Gardner, that Corps have no pass-word except Department pass-word being used. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Norton, of Rockford, to allow Miss VanHorn, of Magnolia, whose credential was not properly signed, the privilege of a delegate. Seconded by Mrs. Bradford, of Augusta. Motion carried.

The committee on credentials made the following report:

Mrs. President:—We have examined the credentials of delegates and those entitled to seats in this convention and find 44 Corps represented, with a delegation of 110.

Respectfully submitted,

LIZZIE HUBBARD,
MIRA MARK,
ELLA SCRAGG,
CARRIE B. TAYLOR.

Roll of Convention was then read by Secretary, as follows:

ROLL OF CONVENTION.

Clara W. Harral, Department President.
Mary Holtzman, Senior Vice-President.
Fleta C. Stahl, Junior Vice-President.
Lizzie Hubbard, Department Secretary.
Sue A. Sanders, Department Treasurer.
Josephine P. Cleveland, Department Chaplain.
Julia G. Sine, Department Counsellor.
Margaret L. Sandes, Department Inspector.
Minnie M. Kyle, Department Instituting and Installing Officer.

G. L. NEVUS CORPS, No. 1, ROCKFORD.

Past President, Julia G. Sine; President, Mary E. VanAlstyne; Mesdames H. G. Norton, Sophia Spaulding, Julia Ellison, Hiller, Minnie Kyle, Lipencott, Watson, Gaylord.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, No. 2, HENRY.

President, Nellie Hoagland; Samantha Lock, Bessie Townsend.

VETERAN, No. 3, ELGIN.

President, Carrie T. Becker.

DENHAM, No. 4, DECATUR.

President, Sallie J. Steele; Mira Mark.

ALFRED HARRISON, No. 5, PALESTINE.

President, Delilah A. Leaverton; Sarah Emmons.

McCLANAHAN, No. 6, MONMOUTH.

President, Anna Morgan; Sarah Denkle, Mrs. Reed, Minnie Gossett.

BLOOMINGTON, No. 7, BLOOMINGTON.

Past President, Fleta C. Stahl; President, Sadie Rowley; Abbie Holmes, Ada Carlton, Mrs. Case and Annie Plumley.

COL. SHAW, No. 8, QUINCY.

Not represented.

JOE HOOKER, No. 9, CANTON.

President, M. J. Tanquary; F. E. Atwood, Kate Troxel.

AURORA, No. 10, AURORA.

Past President, Clara W. Harral; President, Ella Scragg; Mary Denney, Lizzie Hubbard.

J. F. FRENCH, No. 11, PRINCEVILLE.

Past President, Carrie M. Wilson; President, Maria L. Wilson; Sarah B. Andrews, Mary C. Shane.

BRYNER, No. 12, PEORIA.

President, Ellen Zeigler; Sue M. Simpson, J. Minnemyer.

CHILLICOTHE, No. 13, CHILLICOTHE.

Not represented.

JOHN BROWN, No. 14, CHICAGO.

Past President, Agnes Moody; President, Hattie Reed; Ella Hubbard.

T. LYLE DICKEY, No. 15, PONTIAC.

Past President, Sarah M. Bradford; President, Mary K. Holtzman; Mary Gale, Alice E. Miller, E. Blackmore, Bessie Jenkins.

DARVEAU, No. 16, MORRIS.

President, Jennie Bross; Jennie Johnson, Alcinda Ridgway.

STEPHENSON, No. 17, SPRINGFIELD.

President, Mary E. Hughes; Lida A. Oldroyd, Mary J. Stadden, E. Frank Nafen, Hattie Manlove.

POTTER, No. 18, SYCAMORE.

Not represented.

GALVA, No. 19, GALVA.

President, Lottie P. Milchrist.

PHILLIPS, No. 20, LITCHFIELD.

Not represented.

LEMAN, No. 31, FARMER CITY.

President, Jennie Ludington.

NUNDA, No. 22, NUNDA.

President, Emma C. Beekley.

JAS. A. MULLIGAN, No. 23, CHICAGO.

President, Margaret I. Sandes; Fannie Weber, Anna Lunn, Mary Thiell.

LOTT, No. 24, GIBSON CITY.

Past President, Marilla Ward; President, Hattie Collier.

OLNEY, No. 25, OLNEY.

Not represented.

LACON, No. 26, LACON.

President, Mary P. Gale.

ISAAC McMANUS, No. 27, KEITHSBURG.

Past President, Rose McManus; President, Jane Olcott, Mesdames Slocomb and Porter.

GRAHAM, No. 28, MOLINE.

Past President, Laura Clendenen; President, Laura McKeever, Hattie Morgan, Sarah Gethany.

WARREN, No. 29, WARREN.

President, Lucinda L. Carr; Etta P. Corning.

A. C. HARDING, No. 30, ROSEVILLE.

President, E. E. Talbot; M. P. Robinson.

JAMES A. GARFIELD, No. 31.

Cynthia VanHorne.

LAWN RIDGE, No. 32, LAWN RIDGE.

President, Fannie Hankinson.

ELLIS, No. 33, PECATONICA.

Not represented.

MCDONOUGH, No. 34, MACOMB.

President, Carrie B. Carr.

DELAVAN, No. 35, DELAVAN.

Past President, Sue A. Sanders; President, Ella Cobean; Lucy Kingman, Eliza Hatfield.

SEDGWICK, No. 36, GARDNER.

President, Mary Eldred; Kate Colstock.

JOHN W. WATTS, No. 37, SUMNER.

Not represented.

M. K. LAWLER, No. 39.

Not represented.

DAN MCCOOK, No. 40.

Not represented.

CAPT. A. F. KNIGHT, No. 41, ALBANY.

President, Mary A. Lisk; Mary H. Snyder, Jane Kilgore.

No. 42, HARRISBURG.

President, Kate M. Pickett.

THOS. BIDDLE, No. 43, LEROY.

President, Hattie Deveny.

JOHN A. DAVIS, No. 44, FREEPORT.

President, Mrs. Carrie B. Taylor.

WILL ROBINSON, No. 45, STERLING.

Not represented.

CHAS. A. CLARK, No. 46, RIDGE FARM.

President, Lydia B. Pierce; Fannie Dickens, Mary J. Suleer.

JOHN WOOD, No. 47, QUINCY.

President, Georgia Berry; Laura Distin, Catharine Fenton, Fannie Pickett.

No. 48, CASERY.

Not represented.

RESSELL, No. 49, HAMILTON.

President, Mary R. McClellan.

No. 50, ELLSWORTH.

President, Mary J. White; Elizabeth Schell, Rhoda Anderson.

JOHN HITTLE, No. 51, MACKINAW.

Not represented.

HARLEY WAYNE, No. 52, MARENGO.

President, Louisa Green.

H. C. PHILLIPS, No. 53, ANNAPOLIS.

Not represented.

S. M. SANDERS, No. 54, ARCOLA.

Not represented.

No. 55, SPARTA.

Not represented.

J. A. MALTBY, No. 56, MORSEVILLE.

Not represented.

No. 57, SAYBROOK.

Not represented.

JOHN A. BROSS, No. 58, SPRINGFIELD.

President, Susie C. Davis; Frances Young.

HENRY LONGNECKER, No. 63, ROBINSON.

President, Sarah A. Browning.

BUFORD, No. 66, ROCK ISLAND.

President, Marilla M. Buck.

Motion by Mrs. Moody, of Chicago, seconded by Mrs. Rowley, of Bloomington, that we accept this report. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Sine that we proceed to business. Seconded and carried.

Secretary then read records of last half day of last Convention. Mrs. Hubbard objected to the approval of records in the instance of her motion, on Resolutions which had been seconded and carried. After some discussion and explanations the records were approved on motion of Mrs. Eldred. Seconded and carried.

Guard announced a delegation from the G. A. R. waiting in the ante-room for admission.

Motion by Mrs. Sine to receive the G. A. R. delegation; seconded by Mrs. Marks, and carried.

Conductor retired and President declared an open session to receive the comrades.

Conductor re-entered escorting Gen. Lippencott, Superintendent of Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy, Gen. Dustin, Maj. Burst, Capt. Lawler and Post Commander Sands. As they were introduced the ladies arose and saluted. The President welcomed them in the name of the W. R. C. and invited them to seats upon the platform, after which she introduced Capt. Lawler, of Rockford, as the "only honorary member of this Department of

the Woman's Relief Corps." From the encouraging remarks made by Capt. Lawler we quote the following: "Above all others we appreciate the Woman's Relief Corps, and we bid you God speed." Maj. J. W. Burst followed with a short speech, full of words of cheer and sympathy, saying: "The Grand Army of the Republic believe in the Woman's Relief Corps and will stand by them always." He also recommended that a committee of the W. R. C. be sent to Quincy to look over the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, knowing that in this way the necessary information could be gained as to what was needed and what could be done to make the rooms seem home-like and pleasant to the old veterans who would spend the last years of life there. All of the real necessities would be furnished by the state, but much could be done to give the place a home-like appearance.

Gen. Dustin was then called for and responded with a short address in which he expressed a desire to extend the "right hand of fellowship to the Woman's Relief Corps."

Gen. Lippeneott stated that the cottages of the Home were almost finished, and would be ready for occupancy in two or three weeks. He spoke of the bare walls which might be so much improved by placing upon them pictures, mottoes, brackets, etc. He thought books and magazines would be as acceptable as anything we could send, and asked that all who had books they could spare should send them to the Home. A suitable place, he said, had been prepared for a library.

Post Commander Sindes was next called for, and responded in a very neat and appropriate address.

Motion by Mrs. Holtzman that a vote of thanks be tendered the comrades for their words of comfort and good cheer, with the assurance that we will be glad and proud to do all we can for the occupants of the Soldiers' Home. Carried.

Motion was then made, and prevailed, that the army nurse, who had been admitted while the comrades were speaking, be introduced. The Conductor then introduced Mrs. Mary Hayes, and supported her while she responded with a speech full of reminiscences of life in the hospital. She said the physician in charge did not like the idea of having women there, but she remembered the thankful and loving looks of the boys in blue as she ministered to their wants, oftentimes contrary to the doctor's orders. One doctor, whose enmity she had incurred, threatened to have her "out" in a week, but she stayed and he was the one that had to go. The four years spent caring for the boys in blue she looked back upon as the best and happiest of life. She thanked God she had lived to see her sex rising to positions by the side of the dear comrades, not as nurses but as equals. Her gray hairs, her trembling voice and tottering steps reminded us again that ere long the witnesses of these scenes will all have passed away from among us, and of the importance of perpetuating the memory of the heroic deeds of our gallant comrades of the G. A. R.

Mrs. Steele moved that we express our thanks to Mrs. Hayes by a rising vote. Seconded and carried.

The President declared a short intermission for the exchange of greetings between comrades and ladies, after which the gentlemen withdrew.

Motion by Mrs. Norton that we proceed with initiation. Seconded and carried.

* The Conductor retired to the ante-room and re-entered with Mrs. Maria Hayes and Mrs. Dunn who were duly initiated into the order and declared members of Buford Corps, No. 66, of Rock Island.

Motion by Mrs. Sanders that the nomination for officers be postponed indefinitely; seconded by Mrs. Simpson. Department President said we had come here to do this work, and as this was in the regular order of business, we must proceed with nominations. That of President being first the following ladies were nominated: Mesdames Sandes, Chicago; Simpson, Peoria; Holtzman, Pontiac; Stahl, Bloomington; Oldroyd, Springfield; Sanders, Delavan; Harral, Aurora. Mrs. Harral declined.

Motion by Mrs. Moody that nominations for President be closed. Seconded by Mrs. Hoagland and carried.

The President declared nominations for Senior Vice-President next in order.

Mesdames Sallie J. Steele, Decatur; Bessie S. Townsend, Henry; D. A. Leaverton, Palestine; Laura Clendenen, Moline; Agnes Moody, Chicago, were nominated. Mesdames Townsend, Clendenen and Moody declined.

Nominations for Junior Vice-President were Mesdames Ellen Ziegler, Peoria; Marilla Ward, Gibson City.

Motion by Mrs. Norton, seconded by Mrs. Ellison, to postpone the nomination for Treasurer until after the election of President, giving as a reason for making such a motion that it would be more convenient to have the Treasurer located near the President and Secretary. Motion carried.

Nominations for Chaplain were: Mesdames Bessie Townsend, Henry; and Carrie T. Recker, of Elgin.

Convention adjourned until nine o'clock, Thursday morning, Feb. 17th.

MORNING SESSION—FEB. 17.

Convention opened with all officers present except Chaplain.

Mrs. Oldroyd was again appointed Chaplain and read a portion of Scripture, and the President declared the Convention open for business.

Motion by Mrs. VanAlstyne, seconded by Mrs. Ellison, to allow Past Corps Presidents a seat in this Convention. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Sue A. Sanders that Past Corps Presidents leave their names with Secretary, seconded by Mrs. Minnemyer. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Fleeta C. Stahl to call roll of Convention before we close at noon, seconded by Mrs. Julia G. Sine. Carried.

Conductor, Mrs. Margaret I. Sandes, and Assistant Conductor, after investigation, announced all present members of the Order.

The Secretary then read the following dispatch:

MILWAUKEE, WIS., FEB. 16TH, 1887.

To Mrs. Clara W. Harral, Department President Illinois W. R. C. The Fourth Annual Convention of the W. R. C. now in session sends fraternal greeting to their co-workers of the W. R. C. in Illinois, wishing them as successful and pleasant a convention as ours.

Signed, Mrs. GERTIE ROGERS, Dep't President Wisconsin W. R. C.

Mrs. Julia G. Sine suggested that a committee be appointed to extend greetings to the Department of Wisconsin W. R. C., at Milwaukee. Seconded and carried. The President appointed as such committee Mesdames Sallie J. Steele, Decatur; M. E. VanAlstyne, of Rockford; Sade Rowley, Bloomington.

Mrs. Sine moved that we proceed to business and dispense with the Ritual. Seconded by Mrs. Steele and carried.

Secretary then read record of Wednesday afternoon session.

Motion by Mrs. Sine, seconded by Mrs. Sinds, that Mrs. Steele allow the Secretary to have her notes of the army nurse's remarks. Carried.

After correction the records were declared approved.

The President then called upon Mrs. D. A. Leaverton, chairman of Council of Administration and Executive Board, to render her report.

Mrs. Hubbard suggested that as she was Secretary of the Board and Council, she read the minutes of the meetings and have the report come in in the proper place. The minutes were called for, and were as follows:

At a meeting of the Executive Board of the Department of Illinois W. R. C., on the afternoon of Feb. 15, 1887, at the Rock Island House, room B, only Mesdames D. A. Leaverton, Sallie J. Steele and the Secretary were present. Mesdames Mira Mark, of Decatur, Mary E. Hughes and M. Stadden, of Springfield, were elected to fill the places of the absent members, and the meeting proceeded to the work of auditing the Secretary's and Treasurer's books.

The following is a report of the Executive Board offered at the meeting of the Council of Administration, which met at the same place on the evening of Feb. 15, all members being present:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL., FEB. 15TH, 1887.

Mrs. President and Members of the Council: In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of our Order, the Executive Board would respectfully present the following report: We do hereby certify that we have thoroughly examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer and we find them correct and do approve them. We find the balance in her hands is \$207.45. The books of the Secretary are approved. The bills of Inspection have been paid and approved.

We would recommend that the traveling expenses of the Department officers, including the Executive Board of five, be paid out of the Department Treasury. We also recommend that this convention duly appreciate the work of our Secretary and Treasurer for the exactness and neatness in which their books and accounts are kept.

Signed, DELILAH A. LEAVERTON, Palestine,
 SALLIE J. STEELE, Decatur,
 MIRA H. MARK, Decatur,
 MARY F. STADDEN, Springfield,
 MARY E. HUGHES, Springfield.

On motion this report was accepted by the Council.

Motion by Mrs. Lizzie Hubbard that \$10 be drawn from the treasury to reimburse Department President, Mrs. Harral, for relief extended to a member of our Order, an army nurse who was in trouble and needed our assistance. Seconded by Mrs. Stahl and carried by a vote of the Council.

Moved and seconded that the bill of Department Secretary, amounting to \$7.23, be allowed and that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for the amount.

Moved and seconded that bill of Department Treasurer for salary be laid upon the table. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Mrs. Sanders bill of expenses to California be referred to Convention. Carried.

LIZZIE HUBBARD, Sec. Council of Administration.

Motion by Mrs. Fleta C. Stahl to accept above report. Seconded by Mrs. Mary Eldred and carried.

Motion by Mrs. VanAlstyne, seconded by Mrs. Sine, that this Board sign the Treasurer's and Secretary's books declaring them correct. Carried.

Mrs. D. A. Leaverton then asked the indulgence of Mrs. President and ladies of the Convention, and in a few well chosen remarks presented the Department of Illinois W. R. C. with a beautiful gavel, made by John S. Ransom, of Coldwater, Mich., of a portion of the Andersonville stockade. The silver band that encircled it bore the following inscription: "Presented by Mrs. D. A. Leaverton, Pres. Alfred Harrison W. R. C., No. 5, of Palestine, to the Department of Illinois W. R. C., Feb. 16th, 1887." She remembered with pleasure the conventions of the W. R. C. she had attended and she trusted that this gavel would be ever be a reminder of the sufferings and hardships endured by the boys in blue for whom we work, and she strongly urged the ladies to follow strictly the Ritual and Rules and Regulations and remember that to live in harmony the majority rules and minority quietly acquiesces. She closed her remarks with the wish that this gavel would ever be wielded in the true spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

The President, in the name of the Department of Illinois W. R. C., thanked Mrs. Leaverton for her beautiful gift, and complimented her for the valuable assistance she had rendered the Department since its organization.

The following questions from A. C. Harding Corps, No. 30, were handed the President, and after some discussion and explanations, were answered each in their order.

1st Question.—Can a Corps work under a pass-word not received from the head of the Department?

Answer.—It has been decided they cannot.

2d Q.—Is it proper for the dues to be paid to the Secretary before the Treasurer receives them?

Ans.—All dues shall be paid directly to the Treasurer, taking her receipt for the same; also all money due the Corps unless otherwise ordered by the Corps.

3d Q.—Is it necessary to reinstall an officer that holds office over if not made by a vote of the Corps?

Ans.—All officers shall serve until their successors are installed, and all officers should be installed whether newly elected or re-elected.

4th Q.—Can an officer resign her chair to a private member of the Corps without the vote of the Corps?

Ans.—No; an officer cannot resign her chair without a vote of the Corps, to anyone.

Mrs. Eldred, of Gardner, objected to Post Commanders organizing Corps as they were not in possession of the secret work or pass words.

Motion by Mrs. Leaverton that no more Corps be instituted in this Department except by a competent member of the W. R. C. Seconded by several ladies. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Van Alstyne that no Corps in this Department be inspected by one of its own members. Seconded and carried.

The question was then asked why Capt. Lawler was the only honorary member of this Department. Past Department President, Mrs. Sine, explained, giving as the reason the National Convention, at Portland, Maine, had forbidden the election of honorary members.

Mrs. Sanders, delegate-at-large, then read a report of the National Convention at San Francisco.

REPORT OF DELEGATE-AT-LARGE TO NATIONAL CONVENTION.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL., FEB. 15TH, 1887.

To the Officers and Members of Department of Illinois W. R. C.:

Your Delegate-at-Large to the Fourth National Convention, held in San Francisco, Cal., in August, 1886, would most respectfully submit the following report: In placing before you this report I shall not, like some others whose reports I have read, occupy your time with a flowery description of a delightful journey crowned with an auspicious welcome, and ten days' banqueting; but as we come together, I trust, to attend strictly to business, I shall confine my report to that which I consider tends to the welfare and advancement of our Order.

After a long and tiresome journey I arrived in San Francisco Monday night, August 2, 1886, at 12 o'clock. During the journey I became acquainted with many delegates, whom I afterwards met in Convention, all ladies of culture and refinement, going there with instructions to carry out for the good of our Order. The Convention convened Wednesday morning with a

large number of delegates from different states who had, the most of them, come to learn and legislate for our common cause. The delegates from each state were arranged in seats together, while the gallery was full of spectators who kept up a general disturbance, by going in and out and whispering during the deliberations of the session, insomuch that it was utterly impossible for the presiding officer to keep the order the session demanded, for on all occasions they were ready to clap their hands, the like of which I never saw so hilariously manifested by ladies before, and the consequence of which has made me naturally despise a gallery applause.

According to instructions of National Orders that all resolutions to be brought before the Convention, should be in the hands of the National Secretary before July 10th, I forwarded mine as ordered by the Department of Illinois, at the proper time, and kept a copy of the same. At the beginning of the session I commenced my work with delegates as to the importance of certain changes that the Department of Illinois thought were best for the good and advancement of our cause, the chief of which was to change the duties of Secretaries and Treasurers as they now stand, and which have caused so much trouble with our finances in the past, and will continue to do so as long as the work is done as to-day. From the first day of my efforts I knew that Illinois would stand a slim chance to effect a reform, for I plainly saw there was a something I did not understand nor do I fully yet. While reading my resolutions to some delegates, like myself, new in National Conventions, a lady stood eagerly listening to all I had to say, and at the close of my remarks made this assertion: "Those resolutions can never come before this Convention." I asked "Why?" She turned and walked away. Now ladies, just imagine for a moment the crestfallen appearance of your delegate, whose dimensions had not undoubtedly been duly considered. For had it been our President or Secretary thus vetoed there might have been experienced a fear of annihilation, but as it was, I was sure of existence though my efforts were in vain. I then knew her not, but afterwards learned through continued observation, that she figured largely in running National affairs. I waited in vain for a reading of my resolutions by the Committee in whose hands they had been placed, but everything but business seemed to come first, for from the first to the last the business of the Convention was continually interrupted by invitations to banquets, receptions and excursions; while floral tributes of all descriptions were constantly coming in as marks of respect and appreciation of particular members.

Knowing the trust that had been placed in my hands and feeling my full responsibility to the Department that sent me there I consulted our Department President as to what I should do, stated facts and fulfillment of instructions thus far, and was told I had done my duty and that was all that would be expected of me, for we both saw at the time, and it was plainly seen by all with whom I conversed, that the business of the Con-

vention was in the hands of a few, and I held in my hand a report of a Delegate-at-Large to Portland, which said, "The business of that Convention, save the election of officers, was mostly done by committees and this was unavoidable." So I became an eager listener and observer, to find out why the business of such a Convention had to be done by committees, and why not if such was the case, call committees together and let delegates stay at home. Now I do not wish the ladies of this Convention to think I have any personal reason to denounce such legislation. I am only speaking for the good of our common cause, for I think it is of vital importance that when the ladies of the land send delegates to State or National Conventions that perfect order should be maintained when necessary, even though it be brought to bear by police authorities, or a general clearing of the galleries; that the most ignorant and timid delegates sent to such a place, should at least have a chance to speak, and if too modest to volunteer, be urged to their feet, though they speak in broken tongue and language of the "Dark Ages," for many a gem of thought has sprung from an uncultivated mind. Much time was spent in introducing Past Officers, who immediately became present dignitaries, because life members, and whose places on the platform secured for them the first recognition to speak upon any subject that came before the house, for having, as they necessarily must, the reins in their own hands, guided by past experience consummated in a life membership made them familiar with the questions of the day, and by virtue of their positions and places on the platform, they spoke at length on all subjects they chose, as often and long as they deemed it necessary to carry their point, inexperienced delegates from abroad at great expense notwithstanding. I would not for a moment say one word that should in the least detract from the grand and unselfish welcome given us by the state of California, for their efforts were such that can never be surpassed, and I shall ever cherish the kindest appreciations of the many courtesies extended to all; but I must in honest thought, expressed in words, express and declare myself in favor of separating business from pleasure, and if combined at all, let the latter be an impetus to extend and regulate the former.

A few weeks' travel through California after the Convention, brought me in contact with many delegates from different parts of our Union, with whom I had ample time and opportunity for an exchange of ideas crushed at Convention, and I can truly say, the opinion of all with whom I conversed was that something must be done to break up the ring that was so enthusiastically running National affairs. As one grand woman said, whose name and character is above censure, "I only allow my name to come before this Convention to see if in any way this ring can be broken," and she farther said, "We must unite and do something to show the utter contempt we have for electioneering flowers, G. A. R. complimentary letters to our candidates for office, whose names are on a slate, and are placed before the Convention by special persons for the purpose, who guide the affairs from the honored rostrum, and then through long speeches by which impress-

ions are made upon the minds of inexperienced delegates, of the wonderful characteristics of candidates, who are, as it were, shoved with a boom into office, while visitors from the gallery drown every dissenting voice with a hilarious clapping of hands, prompted by the exultant spirit of utter selfishness."

Ladies, I know not whether or no one single delegate from Illinois coincides with my opinion—they have a right to theirs—but I, as your chosen delegate, shall never consider my work done until I state the affairs as I saw them through an unprejudiced mind. I had the honor of being placed on the Finance Committee of that grand body, the very thought of which sent a thrill of horror to my soul, but I was most agreeably surprised to find that all I had to do was to cast my vote in recommending the adoption of a few resolutions in regard to badges, etc., which came before the committee. As to the finances of our National affairs the committee had nothing to do with them, for the accounts were all audited at Headquarters and not even brought before the Convention, except by report. Of course according to the rules and regulations the work was rightly done, and to-day my books stand the same, audited by the Council, but I shall never cease to think that a Convention ought to appoint three or five disinterested persons to examine our records of finance, and report to the Convention in session at the time. As far as the past and present National officers are concerned I have no cause to demur, for I consider them all capable of the offices they fill, and see nowhere that a better choice could have been made, especially in the selection of National Treasurer, whom I have ever found kind, jolly and obliging during the past year, always ready to acknowledge mistakes and make all due amends, and for which disposition fraternally displayed I shall always love her.

Again I must insist that I consider it detrimental to our order to make all Past Presidents life members of the Council of Administration, the reasons for which being too numerous to mention in my report. As far as right is concerned I am no believer in caste or rotation of office, for many a lady unbacked by friends or influence may sit in our conventions with an experience that might add volumes to the welfare of our Order. Ladies who now occupy these responsible positions are growing old, and it is perfectly natural for persons who have acquired highest honors to sit back and rest beneath their laurels, while aspiring talent will consummate plans to advance the common cause. It is enough for past officers to become members of our national convention and like highest officials of the grandest of earth's governments, when their term of office expires, assume their places in the ranks, where on America's soil caste or title is never known, and never can be until our God written Constitution is annihilated by an overpowering foe.

There are many revisions that should be made in our Ritualistic work, for in it are false statements as applied to the general membership of our Corps, and any scholar knows the rhetoric to be remote from power or ele-

gance. But you ask why all these necessary changes are not made? The question is easily answered. It is natural for ladies to aspire to the honor of being delegates to State and National Conventions, and as "turn about is fair play" the result is that new delegates are sent to our Conventions each year who know nothing of the inside track or how to bring their issues properly before the Convention for due deliberation, for life members of this body place them on the outside of the wheel and they are whirled off like chunks of dirt, while the wheel rolls on through another storm and gathers new mud for the coming year. But what shall be done? We see one and *only* one alternative. Our Department Presidents by virtue of their office, become life members of National Convention, and can attend and vote at each session, whether delegates or not. Let us impress upon them the importance of attending sessions and there concentrating plans for carrying out the changes so much needed in our work! And again, let us put at the head of our Order ladies of character and experience, who in some way, best devised by themselves, can bring to bear a vote that will place affairs as they should be.

I do not understand that our Conventions, either State or National, are for the mere purpose of electing officers; if so the sooner they die the better. A little honor is an empty thing, but one letter penned by the promptings of a sound mind and mutual feeling, containing the sentiments of our triple motto, may elevate a desponding Corps and give new life to our order. I also insist that it should be the duty of our presiding officers to communicate with sisters of our Order, as far as possible, and if need be visit weak Corps and give them the right instructions and encouragement and discipline for success. Our secretaries have enough to do when they attend strictly to business, in short, terse terms. It may be an honor to hold an office and see your name in print, but if from that office emanates no good, no advancement to our order and its principles, pray tell me wherein the honor lies? As for me, I want no such honor.

Ladies this report is not written as the sentiments of your delegate alone. It is nothing more than a conversation condensed to words which in many points was the universal opinion of many able women who returned to their homes dissatisfied with the National Convention as the supreme power of our noble Order. Our Order is the grandest of earth, the one I love the best; auxiliary to that band of patriots, the representatives of a sweet, sad past, who as often as they meet, recall the memories of sacred partings and tender ties, in which many of us have had sad experience. Ladies we are not searching for honors. What we most desire is earnest workers who *can* and *will* place a strong hand at the helm and guide us on to victory.

Submitted in P., C. and L.,

SUE A. SANDERS, Delegate-at-Large.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson, of Peoria, to accept this report and have it printed with records of Convention. Seconded by Mrs. Ellison, of Rockford. Motion prevailed unanimously.

Motion by Miss Bross, of Morris, that a vote of thanks is due Mrs. Sanders for her able report of the National Convention. Seconded by Mrs. Stahl, of Bloomington, and carried.

The Committee on Officers' Reports then offered the following:

Mrs. President and Members of the Fourth Annual Convention of the Department of Illinois W. R. C.:—We, the committee, heartily endorse the reports of the officers and call especial attention to the President's recommendation in regard to the national per capita tax; and also in regard to united efforts for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home. We also call attention to instructions to Corps Presidents, namely the requirements of Rules and Regulations and Ritualistic work of our Order, neither of which must be changed or departed from in any manner; therefore the recommendation by Department Chaplain to adopt prayers for opening and closing of Corps would be out of order. Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

MRS. SOPHIA SPAULDING, Rockford,

" EMMA C. BECKLEY, Nunda.

" CARRIE T. BECKER, Elgin.

Motion by Mrs. Moody, of Chicago, to accept this report. Seconded by Mrs. Sine and carried.

Roll call of Convention.

During this roll call Mrs. Sandes, Conductor, announced that Col. Abbot, Adjutant-General of the Sons of Veterans, was in the ante-room waiting to pay his respects to the W. R. C. The President authorized Mrs. Sandes to invite the gentleman in immediately after roll call was finished. At roll call eighty-nine ladies responded.

Committee on telegram of greeting reported the following:

ROCK ISLAND, FEB. 17, 1887.

Mrs. Gertie Rogers, Department of Wisconsin W. R. C.:—The Department of Illinois W. R. C. in convention assembled do most heartily return fraternal greetings. MRS. CLARA W. HARRAL, Pres. Dep't Ill. W. R. C.

MRS. SALLIE J. STEELE, Decatur,

" M. E. VANALSTYNE, Rockford, } Committee.

" SADE ROWLEY, Bloomington. }

Motion by Mrs. Ellison, seconded by Mrs. Hiller, to accept this report and send telegram at once. Motion prevailed.

Mrs. Sandes entered escorting Col. Abbott to the altar. He was introduced and invited to a seat on the platform. In reply to an invitation to address the Convention he made a strong plea for the Sons of Veterans, asking us to do our utmost to encourage the boys in joining and forming Camps throughout the state.

Motion by Mrs. Holtzman that this Convention heartily indorse Col. Abbott's boys and pledge him our earnest support and co-operation in the spread and perpetuation of the order of Sons of Veterans. Seconded by Mrs. Leaverton and carried by an unanimous vote. Mrs. White, of Oquawka, made a few complimentary remarks and read a poem which touched all hearts.

Col. Abbott expressed himself very much pleased with the manner in which the ladies received his remarks, thanked them and withdrew.

Department President declared the session adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, FEB. 17TH.

Convention called to order by Department President.

All officers present except Chaplain.

Mrs. Sandes, of Chicago, and Mrs. Norton, of Rockford, appointed to take pass-word. Upon investigation all present were found to be members of the Order. Motion by Mrs. Leaverton that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for fifty-one cents, the amount charged to send telegram to Milwaukee. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Norton spoke of the necessity of having a room for Headquarters for Illinois W. R. C., at San Francisco, during the National Convention last year, followed by a motion to pay Department President \$12.50, the amount charged for said Headquarters. Seconded by Mrs. Sine and carried.

Mrs. Sanders then read a report of Finance Committee of last year, similar to the one already printed in last year's proceedings.

Mrs. Simpson moved that this report be spread upon the records.

Motion by Mrs. Sine that this report be not spread upon the records. Seconded and carried.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson that this report be accepted and the Committee discharged. Seconded and carried.

Word was received that Commander-in-Chief Fairchilds, of the Grand Army of the Republic, wished to visit this Convention, and wanted to know at what time it would be convenient to receive him.

Motion by Mrs. Sine that we receive the Commander-in-Chief and receive him immediately. Seconded by several ladies and carried.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that we proceed to business and not adjourn until we were through.

The Secretary's record of the morning session read and approved.

President called for report of Committee on Resolutions, which was read by Mrs. Ellen Zeigler, chairman. Report follows:

Mrs. President and Members of the Fourth Annual Convention of Woman's Relief Corps of Illinois:—We, your Committee on Resolutions, have the honor to submit the following: That a motion be made before the National Convention of the W. R. C. asking the assistance of Congress on the following motion: "That the Pension Laws be so amended that when a pensioner dies his pension shall go to his widow and minor children, the same as it now goes when he dies from the disability for which he is pensioned."

Resolved:—That as the Sons of Veterans have been recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic, be it

Resolved:—That the Woman's Relief Corps do the same, and resolutions be sent to Col. Abbott to that effect.

These resolutions are heartily indorsed by your committee and we recommend that they be adopted by this Convention.

MRS. ELLEN ZIEGLER, Peoria,	} Committee.
" BESSIE S. TOWNSEND, Henry,	
" MARY ELDRED, Gardner,	
" MARGARET I. SANDES, Chicago,	
" ABBIE B. HOLMES, Bloomington,	

Motion by Mrs. Holtzman to accept report of committee. Seconded by Mrs. J. Minnemyer and carried.

Mrs. Leaverton read some Rules of Order and moved that they be accepted and printed in our proceedings. No second received.

Motion by Mrs. Hubbard that our representation to next Department Convention from Corps be in the ratio of one delegate and one alternate for every 20 members in good standing, and one delegate and alternate additional for a fraction over half that number. Seconded by Mrs. Gasset and carried.

Guard announced Commander-in-Chief Fairchild waiting in the ante-room.

President adjourned the meeting to admit him.

Conductor entered with the Commander-in-Chief who was escorted to a seat on the platform, followed by comrades Lawler, Burst, Harral, Sandes, Tucker, Hughes and Collier. Short and pleasant speeches, containing many words of encouragement and good cheer, were listened to from the Commander-in-Chief and other comrades present. After a short recess they retired and Convention was again called to order.

Secretary read a resolution sending fraternal greeting to Mrs. Mary A. Bickerdyke.

Motion by Mrs. Bradford that this be telegraphed the lady. Seconded and carried.

The bill for expenses of Delegate-at-Large to National Convention was then presented. A motion was made that the bill be allowed, Motion prevailed and bill was ordered paid.

Mrs. Norton suggested that money be set aside to provide for Headquarters of Illinois W. R. C. at coming National Convention at St. Louis.

Motion by Mrs. Van Alstyne that we have such Headquarters at St. Louis. Seconded by Mrs. Bradford and carried by vote of Convention.

Motion by Mrs. Sine, seconded by Mrs. Mark, that the bill of Department Treasurer for salary, which the Council did not take action on, be put before the Convention. Carried. The bill was read, and a motion by Mrs. Steele to accept the bill and order it paid was seconded and carried.

The Secretary then explained the difference of \$3.26 between Secretary's and Treasurer's salary, and as it was intended that they receive the same, motion was made by Mrs. Sine that this sum (\$3.26) be added to Treasurer's bill. Seconded and carried.

Motion by Mrs. Mark, of Decatur, that 20 per cent. of the percapita tax be divided equally between Department Secretary and Treasurer as salary for the coming year. Seconded and carried.

Balloting for officers was next in order.

Motion by Mrs. Rowley, seconded by Mrs. Bradford, that an informal ballot be taken on first two officers. Motion prevailed. President appointed as tellers Mrs. Webber, of Chicago, Mrs. Distin, of Quincy, and Mrs. Stadden, of Springfield.

The informal ballot for President resulted in 105 votes being cast, as follows: Mesdames Sanders 31, Sandes 28, Stahl 14, Holtzman 8, Oldroyd 7, Simpson 6, Steele 4. Blank 6. Cast out 1.

Motion by Mrs. Hubbard that the three having the highest number of votes be declared the regular nominees. Carried.

Mrs. Distin then asked: "When the votes and tally sheet have been destroyed and the Secretary has kept no record of the election, is the election legal?"

Department Counsellor, Mrs. Sine, decided in her opinion another election must be held, as there was no proof that it was legal or illegal.

The regular ballot for President being taken resulted as follows:

Mesdames Sanders 51, Sandes 35, Stahl 9. Blank 1.

President declared Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, of Delavan, duly elected President of Department of Illinois W. R. C.

The names of Mrs. Holtzman and Mrs. Sandes were added to the nominations for Senior Vice-President and nominations were declared closed. The informal ballot resulted in the following vote:

Mesdames Sallie J. Steele 38, D. A. Leaverton 29, Margaret I. Sandes 15, M. Holtzman 11.

Mrs. Sandes asked permission to withdraw her name. Permission was granted.

As the result of the regular ballot 88 votes were cast, 45 being necessary for a choice. Mrs. Sallie J. Steele, of Decatur, receiving 49 votes was declared elected Senior Vice-President, Department of Illinois W. R. C.

The nominations for Junior Vice-President were Mesdames Ward, Leaverton, Sandes, Stahl, and Troxel. Mrs. Stahl withdrew in favor of Mrs. Ward, and moved that we have a private Installation in this Hall after the officers were elected. Seconded and lost.

Mrs. Distin, one of the tellers, was obliged to leave and Mrs. Rowley, of Bloomington was appointed in her place.

After the announcement of the second ballot, there still being no choice for Junior Vice-President, Mrs. Leaverton withdrew her name.

On the third ballot 85 votes were cast, 43 necessary for a choice. Mrs. Margaret I. Sandes, of Chicago, receiving 46 votes was declared elected Junior Vice-President.

The following ladies were nominated for Treasurer: Misses Hoagland and Carlton and Mesdames Holtzman, Stahl, Gasset, Bradford, Ziegler, Stadden, Eldred, Hubbard, Nafew, VanAlstyne, Locke, Oldroyd, Sine, Gale, Kyle and Spaulding. All declined except Mrs. Holtzman, Mrs. Gasset and Miss Carlton. Nominations were closed and ballots collected,

showing 74 votes cast. Miss Ada Carlton, receiving a majority of all votes cast was declared elected Treasurer.

Nominations for Chaplain were Mrs. Bessie S. Townsend, of Henry, and Mrs. Carrie T. Becker, of Elgin. Mrs. Townsend receiving a majority of all votes cast was declared elected.

The President stated that there were five to be elected for the Council of Administration, and that nominations were in order. The following ladies were nominated: Mesdames VanAlstyne, Holtzman, Hubbard, Sine, Ward, Holmes, Leaverton and Harral. Mrs. Sine declined. It was decided that the five receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected. After the ballot had been counted the President declared the following named ladies elected members of the Council of Administration: Mrs. Abbie B. Holmes, Bloomington, 37 votes; Clara W. Harral, Aurora, 35 votes; Lizzie Hubbard, Aurora, 34 votes; Mary R. Holtzman; Pontiac, 28 votes; Marilla Ward, Gibson City, 25 votes.

For Delegate-at-Large Mrs. Sue M. Simpson and Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford were nominated, and, vote being taken, Mrs. Sue M. Simpson, of Peoria, receiving a majority, was declared elected Delegate-at-Large to National Convention at St. Louis for 1887.

Motion by Mrs. Sine to pay traveling expenses of Delegate-at-Large to National Convention; and if furnished with a pass, her board. Seconded by Mrs. Holtzman and carried.

Motion by Mrs. Bradford that expenses of Department Secretary while at Department Convention should be paid.

Motion to amend by adding that President's and Treasurer's expenses also be paid. Mrs. Bradford accepted the amendment and the motion prevailed.

The following ladies were then nominated as delegates to National Convention: Mesdames Clendenen, Kyle, Minnemyer, Morgan, Fletcher, Leaverton, Gale, Miller, Corning, Ziegler, Mark, Moody, Weber, and Miss Hoagland.

Motion made, seconded and carried that as we were entitled to seven delegates, and there had been fourteen nominated, the seven receiving the highest number of votes be declared the delegates and the other seven the alternates.

Motion by Mrs. Leaverton that resolutions be drafted on the death of Gen. John A. Logan. Seconded and carried. Resolutions were as follows:

WHEREAS—It has pleased the Supreme Commander of the Universe to remove to a higher sphere our late Brother and Past Commander-in-Chief, Gen. John A. Logan,

Resolved—That in the death of our late comrade the G. A. R. and the W. R. C. have sustained the loss of their most esteemed and unwearied champion and defender, and the country at large one of its purest, most energetic and devoted citizen soldiers.

Resolved—That the Woman's Relief Corps, of the Department of Illinois, extend to his sorrowing wife, our beloved sister, and to his bereaved family expressions of heartfelt sympathy and condolence.

Resolved—That a page in our records be set apart as a memorial, and that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mrs. Logan.

In Memoriam.

GEN. JOHN A. LOGAN,

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

—AND—

CITIZEN SOLDIER OF ILLINOIS,

DIED AT WASHINGTON, D. C., DEC. 26, 1886,

Aged 60 Years.

'The last of the trio of Illinois' world-renowned patriots, whom the entire world honors and the nation mourns.

"Take him, oh! Father, in Thy arms
And let him henceforth be
A messenger of love between
Our human hearts and Thee."

Mrs. Stahl wished to rescind her motion regarding the place of installation of officers. Motion rescinded by vote of Convention.

Mrs. Stahl moved the installation be held in the parlors of Rock Island House, after supper. Motion prevailed.

The Secretary then read the following resolution which had just been passed by the G. A. R. in their Encampment:

"WHEREAS—The Woman's Relief Corps is the only organization of ladies Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic in this Department, which has ever applied the this Encampment for official recognition and endorsement, therefore

Resolved—That the Woman's Relief Corps is the only organization of ladies recognized and endorsed by the Encampment as an Auxiliary."

[Received with applause.]

Motion by Mrs. Sanders that it be received and spread upon our minutes. Seconded and carried unanimously.

The following is the result of the election of delegates and alternates to National Convention:

DELEGATES.

Mrs. Mary R. Fletcher, Morris, 33,
 " Agnes Moody, Chicago, 33,
 " Alice E. Miller, Pontiac, 28,
 " Ellen Zeigler, Peoria, 26,
 " Minnie M. Kyle, Rockford, 24,
 " Mary P. Gale, Lacon, 23,
 " Etta P. Corning, Warren, 23,

ALTERNATES.

Mrs. Mira Mark, Decatur, 22,
 Miss Nellie Hoagland, Henry, 19,
 Mrs. Laura Clendenen, Moline, 15,
 " Fannie Webber, Chicago, 11,
 " J. Minnemyer, Peoria, 9,
 " Anna Morgan, Monmouth, 8,
 " D. A. Leaverton, Palestine, 6.

Motion by Mrs. Leaverton, seconded by Mrs. Sanders, to have proceedings of this Convention printed. Carried.

The following dispatch was read and ordered sent:

ROCK ISLAND, ILL., February 17, 1887.

Mary A. Bickerdyke, 2244 Mission St., San Francisco, Cal.—Dear Mother Bickerdyke:—The members of the Fourth Department Convention now in session send loving greetings to the dear sister who loved and nursed our boys in blue. Fraternaly, in F. C. & L.,

STATE CONVENTION OF ILLINOIS W. R. C.

Convention adjourned till after supper to meet in the parlors of Rock Island House to finish business and install the officers elect.

At the adjourned meeting held in the parlors of the Rock Island House, the minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Resolutions of respect on the death of Gen. John A. Logan were offered and accepted.

Motion by Mrs. Holmes that a vote of thanks be tendered Miss Hoagland, Guard. Seconded and carried.

Motion made and carried that we tender a vote of thanks to the A. O. U. W. for the use of their Hall.

Mrs. Sine, Past Department President, requested the attention of the ladies that she might thank them for the beautiful badge presented her soon after the close of last year's Convention by the W. R. C. of Illinois.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the officers-elect be simply obligated, there being no room in the parlors to install in regular form. Department Installing officer, Mrs. Minnie Kyle obligated the following officers:

Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, Department President, Delavan.

" Sallie J. Steele, Department Senior Vice-President, Decatur.

" Margaret I. Sandes, Department Junior Vice-President, Chicago,

" Ella Cobean, Department Secretary, Delavan.

Miss Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, Bloomington.

Mrs. Bessie S. Townsend, Department Chaplain, Henry.

" Sarah M. Bradford, Department Inspector, Augusta.

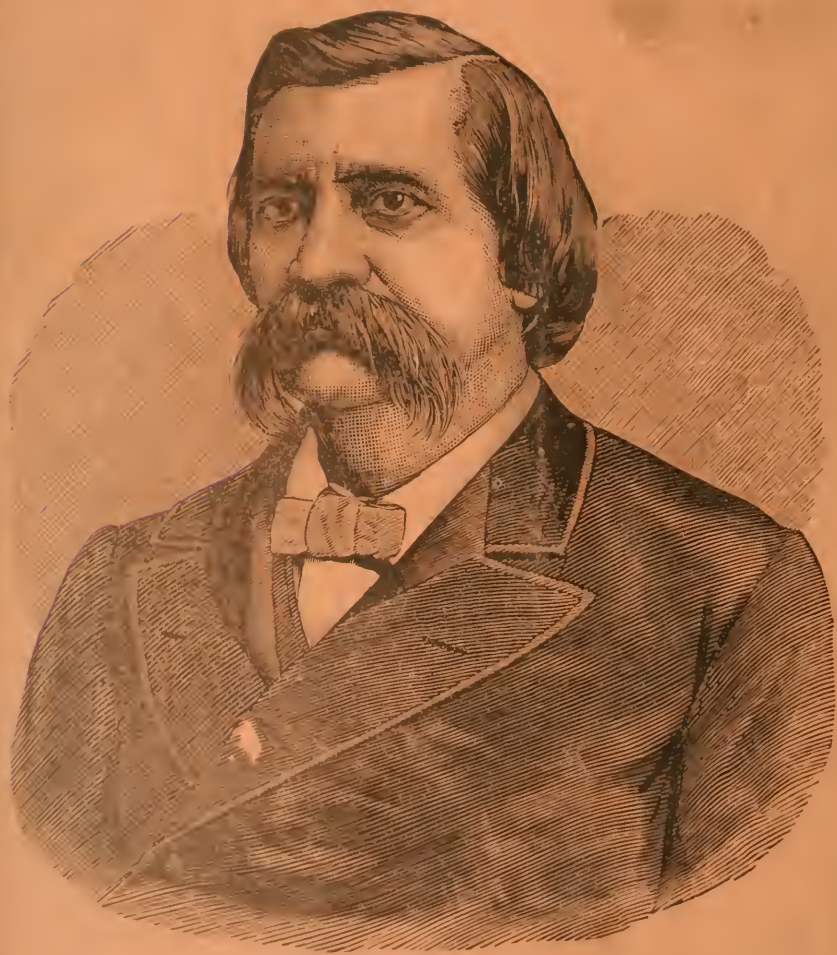
" Lida Oldroyd, Department I. and I. Officer, Springfield,

" D. A. Leaverton, Department Counsellor, Palestine.

Numerous congratulations were then offered and many good-byes spoken, thus ending a successful year and the Fourth Annual Convention of the Department of Illinois W. R. C.

LIZZIE HUBBARD, Secretary Department of Illinois W. R. C.





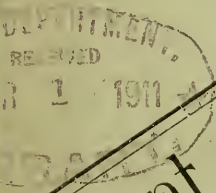
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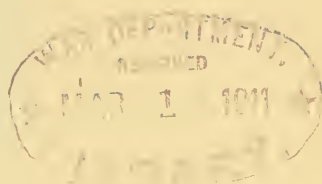
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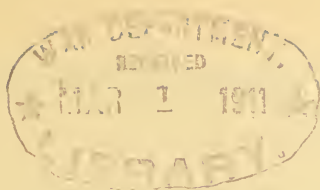
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FEBRUARY 15 AND 16,

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FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

FIRST DAY.

Pursuant to call issued by Department President, in General Orders No. 9, the fifth annual convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Illinois, was held in Springfield, Ill., February 15 and 16, 1888.

In accordance with instructions, the Executive Board convened at 9 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, Feb. 14, and disposed of the work assigned them. The Department Council held session at 2 p. m. of the same day. The evening was devoted to the reception given by the Department President, officers and staff in the parlors of the Revere House where delegates, comrades and friends of the order mingled in social enjoyment, greeting old friends and forming many new and pleasant friendships.

Wednesday morning, Feb. 15, in response to an invitation kindly extended by Gov. Oglesby, the members of the W.R.C. visited the Executive Mansion, where they were cordially received by the Governor and his estimable wife, and from the portico witnessed the procession of delegates to the Grand Army Encampment, as with uncovered heads and joyous cheers they passed in review; after which all repaired to the senate chamber to enter upon the work of the day.

The Convention was called to order at 10:30 a. m., by the Department President, Mrs. Sue A. Sanders.

The Conductor, Mrs. Sue M. Simpson, of Peoria, was instructed to retire to the hall and present Mrs. Armilla A. Cheney, of Detroit, Michigan, National Secretary of the W.R.C. Conductor re-entered, escorting Mrs. Cheney to rear of the altar, where she was introduced

and warmly welcomed by Department President in behalf of the Department of Illinois.

Mrs. Cheney was then escorted to the rostrum and given the salute of the order.

Mrs. Josie Minnemyer, of Peoria, was appointed Assistant Conductor. Mrs. Flo. Miller, of Monticello, and Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, of Augusta, were appointed to assist in taking the password. Mrs. Inez J. Bender, of Monticello, was appointed Assistant Secretary, and Mrs. Minnie M. Kyle, of Chicago, Guard.

The Conductor having reported all present members of the order, the regular order of business was taken up.

Roll call of officers found the following present:

Department President, Mrs. Sue A. Sanders.

“ Senior Vice-President, Mrs. Sallie J. Steele.

“ Junior Vice-President, Mrs. Margaret I. Sandes.

“ Secretary, Mrs. Ella Cobean.

“ Treasurer, Miss Ada Carlton.

“ Chaplain, Mrs. Bessie S. Townsend.

“ Counselor, Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton.

“ Inspector, Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford.

“ I. and I. Officer, Mrs. Lida A. Oldroyd.

The President then appointed the following committees:

On Officer's Reports—Miss Jennie Bross, Morris; Miss Josephine P. Cleaveland, Springfield; Mrs. Eliza Torrance, Pontiac.

On Resolutions—Mesdames Mary Bradley, Decatur; Orphia Wells, Chicago; Emma C. Beckley, Nunda; Sade Rowley, Bloomington; Artemesia Hall, Camp Point.

On Credentials—Mesdames Ella Cobean, Delavan; Sarah E. Wilkin, Danville; Marilla Ward, Gibson City.

Mrs. Moody, of Chicago, moved that the regular order of business, as given in General Orders, be carried out at the afternoon session. Seconded by Mrs. Wilmeroth, of Chicago, and carried. The President then called for the report of committee on credentials. The committee asked more time which was granted. The Department President then read her annual address, which was followed by reports from Senior Vice-President, Mrs. Sallie J. Steele, and Junior Vice-President, Mrs. Margaret I. Sandes.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

To the Officers and Members of the Fifth Department Convention, W.R.C., of Illinois.

Dear Ladies:—Once more we gather around our common altar dedicated to Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty; once more we come bearing the sheaves of another year; and while we bring no brilliant display of rapid growth to our Order, no record of Corps sprung into existence to perish, we feel assured that the labors of the year have been for a solid upbuilding of a stronger, wiser and more fraternal sisterhood; each, in their respective positions, learning the lessons embodied in our vows, which tend only to honor, blessings and success, when implanted in the better portions of our heart, too often fettered by acts of malice, enviousness and strife. The beginning of the year found us in possession of a sacred trust, not entirely unfettered by the frailties of humanity and worldly aspirations. In assuming command of the Department of the great state of Illinois, we must confess a sense of inability took immediate possession of our otherwise willing heart, to seize the scepter and press onward to success. So on the strength of the motto, "where there's a will there's a way," we took up the burdens of the year, fully determined to fill the position we had accepted, to the very best of our ability. A limited experience during the past year, as Department Treasurer, had given us some insight to the demands and requirements of our order, as well as the multitude of reverses that ever gathered around the executive desk claiming judgment and justice; yet in consideration of the fact that one little woman had guided the bark safely through a year following a destructive storm, summing up her accounts before a convention of sensible women of which we may all be proud, we left Rock Island with the assurance of noble support as found in the officers elect of the Fourth Department Convention of Illinois. A jolly homeward trip, such as ever characterizes a Grand Army excursion, better experienced than written, summed up in a sprained wrist to our Department Secretary, which fettered the strong right arm, so much needed at the beginning of the present administration. Our Department Treasurer too, as she summed up the bonded responsibilities of the office, on her first visit to Delavan, drew a long sigh and expressed a desire to resign her office at once. Two week's probation

still found her in doubt as to her ability. However, with a full assurance of our assistance in her behalf, she decided to obey orders, which were to keep the office and do the very best she could.

PLAN OF WORK.

In the beginning of the year it was thought best to adopt the principle of how well not how many Corps could be organized, as experience heretofore had taught us that too many Corps had already been irregularly organized by incompetent persons, which never assumed the position they might had they been instituted by those well posted in the rulings, discipline and unwritten work of our order. It was therefore decided that while we would do all we could to save expense to Corps organizing, we would use our utmost endeavors to send a capable person nearest the place, to do the work. In this ruling there has been but one dissenting voice, and that of a comrade who saw fit to question the authority we assumed in claiming the right to name and authorize the proper person to institute and install a Corps. To this abusive and insulting remonstrance to our rights as the executive of the Department, we gave a studied, polite and pointed answer, assuring him of the fact that we fully realized the position we held and the account we must render our constituents. The constant desire to see our order extend through southern Illinois, gradually and finally resulted in the organization of Warren Stewart Corps No. 88, Cairo, Ill., which was most enthusiastically welcomed by the comrades, and which bids fair to become a powerful nucleus around which many others will center, and define the loyalty so extant in that portion of the country when came the call for volunteers. On Jan. 5th a colored Corps was organized in Cairo which enrolled fifty-one names to be placed on their charter. During the year 38 Corps have been duly organized, in each instance by those whom we deemed most able to perform the work, and we feel assured that if the instructions were not correctly given, it was a lack of knowledge not intent, therefore we have no censure for those deputized, but rather many thanks for obedience to our wishes and commands.

INSPECTION.

Feeling assured that the work of inspection was one if not the greatest and most responsible duties of the year, correspondence

with Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, Department Inspector, was early commenced in regard to the method to be pursued, which finally culminated in a meeting to perfect plans for the same. In consideration of the expense, necessarily attending this work, it was decided to divide the state into routes, requesting Inspectors, as far as possible to make a round among the Corps from and to starting point, thus avoiding a repetition of travel. While in many cases this plan could not be effectually carried out, owing to distances and directions to isolated Corps, it is plainly seen that much expense was saved the Department. Last year fifty Corps were inspected at the expense of \$125.64, while the present year 80 were inspected at the expense of \$182.58. It is hoped the coming year may still find improvement, for we live to learn, and greatest and grandest results culminate after years of trial.

After much consultation as to the greatest service rendered the Corps by inspection, it was thought best to place the work in as few hands as possible, to guarantee uniformity; therefore by earnest request of the Department Inspector, and permission and advice of superior officers, we consented to assist in the work. Feeling the responsibility that rested upon us doubly, from the fact of consummated plans between ourself and appointed Inspector and our acceptance of a portion of the task, with note book in hand we listened to the exemplification of our Ritualistic work and order of business at National Convention at St. Louis, recording all changes and items of interest to our Order. On our return, we appointed a meeting with Department Inspector and gave her a copy of our notes, and rehearsed the full order of business, that she might go out among the Corps and impart the latest and best instructions. Thirty-three Corps were assigned the Department Inspector, thirty the Department President, nine the Department Counselor and eight to seven other persons, where Corps were isolated and difficult to reach on account of railroad connections, stage routes, special conveyances, etc.

In General Orders No. 2, dated Oct. 25, 1886, the time for inspection was set for the months of November and Decemeber, hence the beautiful month of October of which we wished to avail ourselves passed by and November found us earnest in our work. On Nov. 1, 1887, General Orders No. 2 named the months of October and No-

member for inspection, so it is plainly seen that the Department of Illinois, at least, would have to make rapid strides to complete the work in one month. Yet feeling that we were to be governed in this year's inspection by the Fourth National Convention proceedings we continued our work into December, at the same time notifying our National President of the facts, who decided we must be governed by the Orders of Nov. 1, 1887, hence a dispensation was granted by our National President to complete the work of inspection, a report of which will be duly presented by one into whose most able hands the work was placed at the beginning of the year.

SOLDIERS' HOME.

In compliance with requests made by Gen. C. E. Lippencott, Gen. Dustin, Major J. W. Burst and others particularly interested, who visited last Department Convention, a committee of three ladies, consisting of Mrs. Julia G. Sine, Past Dept. Pres., of Rockford, Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, Dept. Inspector, of Augusta, and Mrs. Georgia Berry, of Quincy, were appointed to visit the Home and ascertain, and report, in what manner the ladies of the W.R.C. could best work for the old veterans.

In compliance with the appointments the above committee, in company with Department President, visited the Home on April 2d, where they were most cordially received and entertained by Gen. Lippencott and his estimable wife. They were conducted through the various apartments from cellar to library, from headquarters to wards where lay our veterans, objects of suffering humanity. Our hearts went forth in sympathy, we recalled their noble deeds and sacrifices of the past, when destruction threatened our country, and mingled our tears of regret with those who had command, and counseled together as to what the women could do to show their love and appreciation for the heroes who carried the musket that gave the death blow to rebellion. Knowing that the great State of Illinois would furnish all that was necessary to their general want and comforts, the committee thought best to ask of the women those things that would add cheer and give a home-like appearance to the vacant wards, halls and ceilings. So in compliance to the desire of the committee, General Orders No. 2 were issued and sent to every Corps in the State, the most of which responded most nobly as will be seen and found

in special report prepared for this Convention. Many inquiries have come to us asking the distribution and use made of the articles sent the Home; in fact we have received letters almost commanding us to investigate and report, and so far as we deemed it our duty for the best interests of the W.R.C., we have done so, receiving assurance that the many boxes of seeds, bulbs, plants, etc., sent to the Home, where, placed in the hands of a professional florist, assisted by the veterans, made beautiful through the summer the otherwise naked grounds. A goodly number of valuable books were found on the shelves in the library, which we were told were well read by the inmates, thus bringing pleasure and instruction to many lonely and monotonous hours. In the store room we found a large number of quilts which the surgeon informed us were especially retained for the hospital when completed. The many rugs, from the time of our visit, were to be scattered through the wards of the cottages. A large number of varied articles made by tender hands, were in store for future use. The total amount of money sent the Home which has been donated by the Corps, is \$52.00, but for which, owing to Gen. Lippencott's sickness and death, we have receipts for only \$38.

We have used the utmost caution in our correspondence and visits to the Home, that the comrades might have no reason to think we, as members of the W.R.C., were asserting any power or even desire to interfere with the management of the Home. All you have done, ladies, has been with willing hearts and hands, and it is enough for you to know your endeavors have been duly appreciated by those whom you sought to please. We feel assured that with the great generosity of our own Illinois, and the fraternal guidance of the Grand Army of the Republic, the old veterans of the Home will one by one be laid away with tender hands on the evergreen slope of the proud Mississippi. We, at least, are willing to trust their welfare in the hands of our noble comrades.

GENERAL ORDERS.

General Orders giving implicit instructions and commands are issued when necessary by Department and National authorities and sent to the Corps throughout the Union. Too often we find they have been carelessly laid aside, perhaps not even read in the Corps, then from the same Corps come a multiplicity of questions to be

answered, which have already been promulgated in General Orders. Ladies, it is not a pleasant pastime to write General Orders, but when written at the expense of the Department it becomes your duty as Presidents of Corps to have them read in your Corps, if necessary explained, obeyed and placed on file. General order files have been prepared for preserving such Orders and the demand is *National and imperative* and must *hereafter* be done. We most sincerely wish this one fact might be forever settled in the minds of those who now sit before us.

CHARITY.

The quarterly reports of the last year show a marked increase in the work of charity. Not only have relief funds been raised and retained for immediate calls but the ladies of our Order have sought out the sick and destitute and watched them with sisterly care, dispensing many little comforts that have soothed the aching heart, made home and life more comfortable, added tenderness and pity to the dying, and covered many an otherwise neglected grave with fairest flowers. Hundreds of dollars worth of second-hand clothing has been gathered up, repaired and given to destitute children; the careless waif on the streets has been provided with books and sent to school; many kind words have been spoken and many learned the truth of the adage, "It is better to give than to receive." Many heartfelt thanks stand recompense to the noble works of charity executed by the ladies of the W.R.C.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The labors of the past year have been attended by a very large correspondence, much beyond our anticipation. Not unmindful of the fact that the business might be conducted with much less writing and less expense, we know it could *not* be reduced without detriment to our Order. Since last Department Convention we have received 1437 letters and written 1506, and these do not include the Secretary's correspondence. A copy of some 600 letters has been kept, these including only those most important and needed for reference. All communications have received immediate replies, with few exceptions, occasioned by absence from home during the time of inspection. Very few postals, comparatively, could be used, as nearly letters called for replies that must be sealed, or required more

than the capacity of a postal card. Very little return postage has been sent with communications; on the other hand numerous letters have come to Headquarters on which due postage must be paid to secure them. The correspondence throughout the year, notwithstanding explanations, misunderstandings, charges and numerous Corps difficulties have been presented, has been mutually pleasant, not in any case, save one, having received a single discordant word from any of the ladies of our order. Such record of lady-like courtesy and gentle obedience could scarcely be expected from woman placed at the head of one hundred Corps, yet such is the case and in the fact we may be assured our order is composed of the very best ladies of our State and in return for your gentle demeanor let me record, in this my annual report, the highest appreciation of the same, and many thanks for each and every courtesy extended.

OFFICERS.

Among my officers I have ever found willing hearts and hands, not only to advise, but to labor in the work of love. Mrs. Sallie J. Steele, Senior Vice-President, and Mrs. Margaret I. Sandes, Junior Vice-President, have rendered most valuable assistance in organizing Corps. Mrs. Lida A. Oldroyd, Department I. and I. Officer, has attended every duty placed in her hands with promptness and precision. Mrs. Bessie S. Townsend, Department Chaplain, rendered her memorial report in such a manner as placed us second only among the States of the Union. Miss Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, though she accepted her office under protest, kindly adopted the plans of record of the previous year, and her books, as audited by the Executive Board from quarter to quarter, attest her faithfulness. Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, Department Inspector, has rendered service to this Department beyond estimate. Six weeks of almost constant travel, through heat and cold, storm and sunshine, neglect of home and family, subject to cold rooms, loss of meals and tedious waiting for railroad trains early and late, has given to the Department a labor of regeneration which we feel assured will prove a lasting benefit to the order throughout the State, and in the experience she has passed through, the knowledge she has gained, you can trust her in the future with any amount of responsibility she may consent to assume. In Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton we have ever found a most able Counsel-

or, though distance has rendered it impossible to advise with her on all occasions, thereby making the duties of this office more laborious and trying. In all important affairs we have ever found her ready and willing to assist in all ways, and her counsel has ever been received as coming from one of the best posted women of our order, and we highly commend her judgment and recommend her for future authority in Corps work. The Executive Board have attended strictly to duty when notified. From the Aids of our Staff we have received valuable assistance, for all of which we hereby record our thanks. To Mrs. Ella Cobean, Department Secretary, we wish to extend thanks and appreciation for all service rendered, having felt assured at all times that whatever she did would be well done and for the good of our Department. For each and all who have so kindly, willingly and ably stood by us through the year, there is a welcome place in the storehouse of memory.

SONS OF VETERANS.

In full realization of the fact that the comrades are one by one rapidly passing away, leaving numerous vacancies in the honored ranks that grow shorter and weaker year after year, we most heartily endorse their noble sons as nearest and most fitted to take the place of their fathers, and recommend that wherever the trio organizations exist, that the women of the W.R.C. share their assistance and charities with the Sons of Veterans. In all places where the three organizations exist we find most harmony between Post and Corps, for the third, the child degree, is the tie that binds. We recommend hearty co-operation of work in any cause that assists either society, provides for the poor, or relieves distress, also on all national holidays, especially the day named by Logan and set apart by our government as memorial of our patriotic dead. Let the three assemble on Memorial Day, and together twine wreaths for the graves of our nation's sacrifice, and drop a silent tear in memory of graves unknown, over which no epitaph is written save that which floats on the flag of our Union.

DISCIPLINE.

With all the bright there have been many dark phases during the past year. Naturally, where so many different elements come together, little dissensions rise, which often multiply and assume start-

ling dimensions. From different factions come complaints which bear innocence in accordance with age, the last outreaching the first; then it is all points of evidence must be presented, rules and regulations read and reread, Beath's Blue Book read through and through, parliamentary laws digested and all possible judgment brought to bear. Illinois, though prosperous and peaceful during the past year, has not been without some ruffles, even tempests of strife. In the beginning of our administration we found John Wood Corps battling with an illegal election, which on the verge of enlisting, comrades taking sides, was settled by a decision under which the Corps lived and is most prosperous to-day. McManus, too, at this time, was laboring under like difficulties wherein decisions were demanded, and given, the Corps prospering through the year, yet continually annoyed by dissenting parties, over which we could assume no discipline because the Corps failed to take action to protect themselves. Dan McCook presented a grievance wherein they claimed their Post had ignored them on Memorial Day. A letter to their Commander received an indifferent response, when we at once advised the Corps to take no issue, make no sacrifice of rights, but join the patriotic citizens in observance of the day. Under this decision the Corps has come to the front, the enemy has disbanded, and Dan McCook holds the fort. Early in the year Warren W.R.C. No. 29, became entangled in difficulties which resulted in serious opposition, wherein the Post took sides, the consequence of which was an official demand for the revocation of the Corps charter. As far as consistent with our laws we strove for a stay of judgment, but the demand was under the seal of the Post and declared final, so, on the 28th of December, we revoked the charter of Warren Relief Corps No. 29. Then trouble began, both sides claiming to have been wronged, each demanding justice. Numerous correspondence, petitions and affidavits came from different parties, and while we felt the matter ought to receive a thorough investigation, we were obliged to obey Rules and Regulations, which under the circumstances admitted of no alternative. This affair is, however, forever settled, as far as the Department is concerned and we hope the incoming administration may find no farther trouble in this direction. For more than a year S. M. Sanders Corps, No. 54, has been laboring under strife. In vain have

we tried to restore peace, but obstinacy, malice and violations of our laws, have reigned continually, and judgment has been withheld, because we could not bring matters to a point where we could commence investigation, until we suggested that charges be preferred to enable us to act. The charges came at last Jan. 5, 1888 against the President of the Corps. We immediately appointed a committee to visit the Corps and investigate in full, not only the charges preferred, but the general trouble and send to us recommends upon which we could deal out justice. Most anxiously we awaited the report of this committee which did not reach us in full until February 4th, too late for final adjustment at our hands during our term of office, and yet in the case of the charges against the President we failed to find evidence sufficient to convict, therefore on Feb. 4 we decided to exonerate her from all charges, leaving the remainder of the trouble to receive final settlement at the meeting of Department Council, in Springfield on Feb. 14th. This matter was brought before the Council, at which time due and impartial consideration was given the entire situation of affairs at Arcola, and it was on vote decided that the incoming Council severely reprimand those members of Sanders Corps, No. 54, who had filed affidavits of blackballs cast against members seeking admission to the order, also to suspend the Corps for six months, such action to take effect from the beginning of the incoming administration. For this discipline every member of the Council voted in the affirmative save one, Mrs. Sallie J. Steele, Department Senior Vice-President.

UNDERMINING INFLUENCES.

While we have not during our administration been openly assailed by a dethroning element of which we were early warned, we have often been catechised as to the eligibility for membership in our order. In all cases the correspondence and verbal attacks have been kindly answered and reasonably discussed, and in no case has an unkind word been spoken or written to or by those who differ with us in opinion or who have asked for information. In cases where our ladies have claimed indifference and disrespect from their Posts on various occasions we have interviewed their Commanders in regard to their grievances, and, where lofty coolness sat enthroned, we have advised the ladies to continue in the good work in peace, assuring

them that time would bring all things right. In some instances the Corps were ignored on Memorial Day. In such cases our advice was to in no way insinuate their services. While the Grand Army have nobly and generously given us sanction we do not consider it our duty in any way to become subservient to them, but with them work to emulate the principles of our order. While it is true they offered, their lives a sacrifice to our union, mothers, wives, sisters and lovers too shared the human sacrifice, in suspense, deprivation, blasted hopes and irreparable losses, and we know of no one who suffered more than our mother who for eleven months knew she had two boys starving in Andersonville. Then as women let us do our duty at all times, standing not only by the vows of our fraternity but the inborn principles of true womanhood.

MEMORIAL DAY.

The boom of cannon at daybreak ushers in the Fourth of July, the anniversary of America's Independence. Thanksgiving comes by executive proclamation, at which time we are admonished to thank God for the prosperity of the year; Christmas carols sing of the anniversary of the birth of a perfect man; midnight bells ring out the old and usher in the New Year with many resolves for the future; birth-days of celebrities are reverentially and appropriately observed; but the Thirtieth day of May, named by Logan and set apart by our Government as a national holiday, peacefully assumes its place in the routine of years. If sunshine cover the earth little children in their innocence rejoice that in white dresses they can scatter flowers. If gentle rains fall among us older hearts construe nature's dampness as tears for the fallen brave. So in cloud or sunshine we come each year with armsfull of flowers, to decorate in memory of our heroes. A single bud plucked from a thorny stem, speaks the whole sentiment of our hearts, yet in a profusion of flowers we fill the air with fragrance, and form pictures of love which will live in the minds of the rising generations when for the Grand Army of the Republic time shall be no more. It has been most gratifying to us the past year to know that in the observance of this day Illinois has held the second place, not perhaps in spirit or manifestations, but simply in national report, and for this acknowledgment we are indebted to our Department Chaplain, who with her able pen so beautifully ren-

dered our consolidated report. The Presidents of Corps throughout the State have sent descriptions of many loving designs prepared, exhibited and bestowed on Memorial Day. Thousands of children have taken part in the exercises in the way of selected sentiments and rendition of songs. In the present the custom may seem a happy, beautiful pastime, yet, ladies, we know not what lessons of patriotism and love of country we are planting in the minds and hearts of children, which will grow, blossom and brighten to bless futurity. Let us then, the coming year, make this most popular and sacred day the object of particular interest; let every member of our Order feel that upon her rests a particular charge; let the records of the future shine bright for Illinois. Our watch-word for the past year, as often as repeated, will ever be the nucleus around which all patriotic thoughts will center and the great name of Logan, the soldiers' friend, will shine bright on America's Memorial Day.

DECISIONS.

During the year many questions have come asking advice, decisions, and explanations of points of law, which required no little time or thought, especially when judgment was demanded for which we had no law, and was obliged to depend on our own storehouse of knowledge for answers that would result in the most good and give the best general satisfaction. Many questions of finance, charges, etc., have elicited much study of our laws, in which we often failed to find appropriate answers and for which we were obliged to seek National Headquarters for approval of our decisions. During the year there have been presented from different sources 123 questions which demanded concise decisions, all of which have been decided to our very best judgment and understanding of the law. Since the publication of the *National Vidette* begun in September, many questions have been answered through its columns, which have in many cases received sanction and hearty approval of National President and Counselor, as well as members of our Order from shore to shore, and I can but recommend this little sheet as decidedly beneficial to each and every member of our Order.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year it has been found necessary to grant many dispensations, all for what we considered the good of the Order, many of

which might have been avoided had the officers and members of Corps studied well our Rules and Regulations and General Orders, and worked in strict accordance thereof.

Let the coming year find you all more diligent in accepting and profiting by the knowledge promulgated by higher power.

MILES OF TRAVEL.

During the year we have traveled 3,380 miles, 1,160 for which no charge of transportation is made.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

In Capt. A. C. Sweetser, our Department Commander, we have ever found a helping hand. In all matters of courtesy he has ever extended those due the W.R.C. In cases presented where Corps and Posts were implicated, those parts that pertained to our rulings have been left in our hands for settlement, and in no case have we heard a dissenting word from our Commander, but rather his endorsement of our acts in each and every case. In all important affairs we have sought his counsel which has been most freely and fraternally extended, for all of which this convention owes him a heartfelt vote of thanks.

INDEBTEDNESS.

The Department of Illinois is indebted to personal friends of Department President for favors extended in the way of transportation which has many times availed good to our order with no expense save precious time. To the Chicago & Alton R. R. for courtesies extended in way of transportation of headquarters car, so elegantly equipped, to and from St. Louis National Convention; to Gen. John C. McNulta, for his generous offer of six hundred miles of railroad placed at our command; to Mrs. John A. Logan for early congratulations for our success, especially in our work for the Home at Quincy; to the *National Vidette* for the interest taken in the W.R.C. and willingness to publish answers to questions, which have received national sanction and availed much good to our Corps in Illinois.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

After a year's experience at the head of such an enthusiastic organization as the W.R.C., of Illinois, I know of no one more able to present recommendations for the future than the out-going Department President, therefore, knowing the full demands of this office,

responsive to the love I bear the order, I make the following recommendations, trusting that my successor may profit from past experience of one who has in all cases vexing or pleasing, striven to do her whole and every duty:

Let no one venture to assume this office unless they are willing to leave society and give their entire time to the work. In the beginning assume gentle, yet firm command. Consult National Headquarters and your Department Commander in all cases that demand thorough investigation for just settlement. Let all decisions be well studied before rendered. Continually and faithfully urge upon Posts organizing auxiliaries to select for charter members the best and most influential ladies in their midst, to assure success of Corps. Post herself thoroughly as to the requirements, both business and social of an instituting officer, and then emphatically decide who shall institute and install a new Corps. Appoint just as few inspectors as possible and be sure they are perfect in the work, according to latest instructions, before they start out on their mission. That an appropriate badge be prepared for the next National Convention that shall do honor to the state of Illinois. That the *National Vidette* be made the official organ of our state.

I would also recommend that by-laws be written, adopted and presented to National Headquarters for approval, which shall make it compulsory for all Corps having troubles which demand expense for investigation to pay the amount of the same, also that the amount of \$1.00 be charged by Department for each and every dispensation granted, believing that in the above, Corps would attend more strictly to business and save much expense and labor to Department officers.

CONCLUSION.

This closes the record of another year. The results of the labors of our administration we leave in your hands, trusting wherever we have been weak our successor may be strong. The duties of the year have been laborious and often trying, in many cases demanding judgment we felt incapable of giving, yet at the present time we see no place wherein we could improve upon our decisions given.

When we lay down the gavel of authority, we trust it may be taken up by one well chosen for the task of the coming year. Our suc-

cessor will find Illinois occupying the position among the states which it most nobly deserves. May the records of the future still find the home of the trio patriots foremost in the labors and charities of the W.R.C. Let the incoming administration take up the task so well begun and build the coming year, upon the firm and sure foundations we have laid, many organizations pledged to Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. In transferring the duties of our office we renew our love for the order and pledge ourself anew to render all possible assistance in the future. Let peace and harmony prevail throughout. As "In union there is strength," let us, as women, be one true and faithful sisterhood bound by the ties of fraternity, cemented by the love of charity, and withal loyal to our loved country, saved by the boys who wore the blue, and over which the stars and stripes wave to-day from lake to gulf, from shore to shore, the loved flag of all nationalities.

SUE A. SANDERS,

Department President, W.R.C., of Illinois.

SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, President Department of Illinois, W.R.C.

Dear Madam:—In offering a report of my work as Senior Vice-President, for the year just closing, I realize the fact that when compared with what you have done it is hardly worthy of mention, although it forms a part of the sum total and required some time and exertion.

As far as possible I have responded to every call from headquarters, performing the duties required to the best of my ability. I have organized the following Corps: No. 69, Homer, March 5, 1887; No. 72, Cherry Point, March 31, 1887; No. 75, Bethany, April 22, 1887.

On Oct. 28, I went to Moweaqua with authority to organize a Corps, but there not being a sufficient number of ladies present who were willing to take the obligation, the organization could not be effected.

Dec. 19 I inspected Corps No. 75, at Bethany. I have received a cordial welcome from all and found the ladies much interested in the work. Many letters of inquiry have come to me which I cheerfully answered, giving the desired information, assuring all of my willing-

to assist them in any way.

Of the National Convention I saw very little, owing to illness, but it took only a short time for me to become favorably impressed with the able manner in which Mrs. Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne presided over national affairs.

In addition to my department work I have had the honor of being President of Dunham Corps No. 4, of Decatur, Ill., the birthplace of the Grand Army of the Republic, and where, on Jan. 30, 1884, the Department of Illinois W.R.C. was organized by our honored and lamented Lois F. S. Holbrook. In response to General Orders No. 2, Dunham Corps worked cheerfully and faithfully until the articles required for the Soldiers' Home at Quincy were all prepared and duly forwarded.

I am pleased with the idea of a Veteran Woman's Home. I have so often expressed a wish for something of the kind, that when I read the article in our *Vidette*, of recent date, stating that such a project had been favorably considered, my heart was made glad. I trust the generous offer made by Past Commander Dickason may act as an inspiration to others. To make provision for the veteran soldier is the least that can be done for him in return for the loss of health or limb. The army nurse for her valuable services deserves reward, but let it not be forgotten that we have among us women who gave up the dearest of all earthly treasures for our country's cause, who, in their declining years, are compelled to grapple with poverty and distress, scarcely being able to keep the wolf from their doors. They were not seen on southern battlefields, but by personal service and personal sacrifice they bore their part of the great war, and deserve to be counted among the bravest of our nation's defenders. By their inspiration our armies were encouraged to deeds of valor, which resulted in the preservation of our country. May the Great Giver of all good hasten the day when they may be provided with more of the comforts with which this land they helped to save, is so bountifully supplied.

As I retire from Department work I desire to express my thanks to you, Mrs. President, and other members of this Department, for the kindness shown me from the day of its organization up to this time. I will ever hold these pleasant associations in fond remembrance, and

trust that as co-workers, we may continue zealous and faithful, proving ourselves worthy to be auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

SALLIE J. STEELE.

JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, Department President:

As it seems to have become necessary for the Vice Presidents of our organization to make such reports of the work of the Relief Corps in their vicinity as might be thought interesting to the Department Convention, I have the honor to present the following report of my work during the past year:

The duties of a Junior Vice not being very onerous my report must necessarily be rather meager and brief.

When elected to this position one year ago I fully appreciated the honor conferred upon me by this Convention and I have endeavored to hold myself in readiness to fill all demands made upon me in the interests of our beloved order.

On the 21st of April, 1887, with the assistance of Miss Ruthella Lundy, Past Conductor of W.R.C. No. 23, I instituted and installed the officers of Silas Casey Corps No. 73, auxiliary to Post No. 555, G.A. R., at Brighton Park, Ill., a suburb of Chicago. This Corps started with twenty-five charter members. As this was the first Corps organized in this city or vicinity for nearly three years it was most gratifying to me to have the honor of performing this pleasant duty.

Silas Casey Corps having opened the way Godfrey Weitzel Corps followed, in October, with a charter membership of 33 and early in November I received a communication from the Commander of Post No. 275, at Barrington, Ill., asking for some information with regard to the formation of a Corps auxiliary to that Post and requesting me to go out to Barrington and meet some of the ladies. I complied with his request and the result of my visit was the institution of a Corps with twenty-eight charter members. In this pleasant task I was ably assisted by Mrs. Mary Thiell, Aid on the Staff of our Department President.

Early in the following month I was again called upon to institute

a Corps auxiliary to Farragut Post, No. 602, G.A.R., in Chicago. I was assisted in installing the officers of three of these Corps by Mrs. Lottie V. Bigden. These installations were public and were held in connection with the installation of officers of the Posts to which the Corps were auxiliary. These double services tend largely, in my opinion, to promote that feeling of fraternity which helps more than anything else to bind Post and Corps together.

I have received and answered during the year, on Department business, 290 letters.

About one week ago, while making preparations to attend this Convention, I received a communication from our Department President, authorizing me to institute and install the newly re-organized Corps auxiliary to Abraham Lincoln Post, No. 91, of Chicago. With the assistance of Mrs. Minnie M. Kyle, acting as Secretary, I instituted the Corps and presided at the election of its officers. Mrs. Julia G. Sine, Past Department President, having, as I was informed, expressed a wish to install the officers of this Corps, I with pleasure deputed to her my authority to perform that duty. It seemed peculiarly fitting that Mrs. Sine should officiate on that occasion as the Corps formerly auxiliary to this Post had been disbanded during her administration. The re-organization of this Corps was more than gratifying to me personally, as it seemed to be the crowning triumph after three years of incessant opposition. I desire to congratulate you most heartily upon the growth of our order during your administration, and upon the fearless and faithful way you have rendered your decisions looking solely to the best interests of the noble order whose interests were intrusted to your keeping.

All communications and consultations at Department Headquarters have been promptly and courteously answered, and to our Department President, Secretary and Treasurer and all connected with the Staff, my most cordial and sincere thanks are due for their uniform courtesy and kindness extended to me, and may the Giver of all good who has so graciously prospered our noble order in the past, ever remain its guardian and guide in the future stretching before us.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

MARGARET I. SANDES, Junior Vice-President.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mrs. President, Officers and Members of W.R.C. Department of Illinois:

In accordance with our rules I have the honor to make the following report of the work in the Department Secretary's office, and of the membership of our order during the past year:

The year just closing has been one of trial and also one of work, hard, earnest work; still, amid trials and labor there has been so much to encourage, so many bright spots, so many cheering words, that it has also been a very pleasant one.

OFFICE WORK.

During the year I have forwarded to all Corps Presidents 16 General Order—7 National and 9 Department—one of which was also sent to all G.A.R. Post Commanders whose address could be obtained, (some six hundred), 1 circular, 1 Department roster, 1 petition to pension army nurses, blanks for all quarterly reports and election returns, engrossed and sent out 40 charters. Have consolidated all reports for National Secretary, written 1,300 letters, 75 postal cards, making an aggregate of 3,900 communications forwarded from this office. I have received 1,050 letters and communications.

GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

The growth of the order has been very gratifying. Past Department Secretary's report for Jan. 1, 1887, shows 2,003 members in good standing. The gain during the year has been as follows: 1st quarter, 226; 2d quarter 258; 3d quarter 119; 4th quarter 223. Number of members in good standing Jan. 1, 1888, 2,806. Corps have reported since Jan. 10, 1888, with a membership of 93. Two Corps were organized in December 1887 (which have not reported) with a membership of 53. Eight Corps have been organized since Jan. 1, 1888, with a membership of 222. Giving total number of members in good standing up to date 3,174. Twenty of our members during the past year have wearied of the burdens of life and fallen into that dreamless sleep which awaits us all. The following Corps have been instituted since last Department Convention:

J. P. Lasley, No. 65,	-	-	-	-	-	Camp Point
Henry Cobb, No. 67,	-	-	-	-	-	Metropolis City
Carter VanVleck, No. 68,	-	-	-	-	-	Bushnell
Homer, No. 69,	-	-	-	-	-	Homer

Alexander Sympson, No. 70,	-	-	-	-	Carthage
Jaquath, No. 71,	-	-	-	-	Chebanse
James Adams, No. 72,	-	-	-	-	Chrisman
Silas Casey, No. 73,	-	-	-	-	Brighton Park
James Hutchinson, No. 74,	-	-	-	-	De Witt
Wash Alexander, No. 75,	-	-	-	-	Bethany
Wauconda, No. 38,	-	-	-	-	Wauconda
Kenesaw, No. 76,	-	-	-	-	Danville
Coultersville, No. 77,	-	-	-	-	Coultersville
McLane, No. 78,	-	-	-	-	Beardstown
Z. S. Clifford, No. 79,	-	-	-	-	Equality
Merritt Simons, No. 80,	-	-	-	-	De Kalb
Godfrey Weitzel, No. 81,	-	-	-	-	Chicago
McDowell, No. 82,	-	-	-	-	East St. Louis
Resaca, No. 83,	-	-	-	-	Genoa
Robert Hale, No. 84,	-	-	-	-	Fulton
Barrington, No. 85,	-	-	-	-	Barrington
Driskell, No. 87,	-	-	-	-	Paris
Warren Stewart, No. 88,	-	-	-	-	Cairo
Mendell, No. 89,	-	-	-	-	Springfield
Amos Morley, No. 90,	-	-	-	-	New Canton
Hudson, No. 91,	-	-	-	-	Hudson
Farragut, No. 92,	-	-	-	-	Chicago
W. H. Wallace, No. 93,	-	-	-	-	Centralia
Joseph Woodruff, No. 94,	-	-	-	-	Marseilles
James P. Foster, No. 95,	-	-	-	-	Cairo
Chiles, No. 96,	-	-	-	-	Palmyra
J. A. Parrott, No. 97,	-	-	-	-	Prophetstown
O. P. Courtright, No. 98,	-	-	-	-	Blandinsville
Julius Pratt, No. 99,	-	-	-	-	Kewanee
R. K. McCoy, No. 100,	-	-	-	-	Clayton
A. Lincoln,	-	-	-	-	Chicago

Charters have been granted to J. V. Clements, No. 86, Mowaequa; Sidell, No. 101, Sidell; Thomas Markley, No. 102, Hutsonville; F. D. Hubbell, No. 103, Hillsboro, which have not yet been organized.

The charter of Warren, No. 29, has been revoked by request of Warren Post, No. 315, to which they were auxiliary.

There has also been a very gratifying increase in the expenditures for charity during the year:

Amount expended in charity 1st quarter.....	\$617 89
“ “ “ “ 2d “	372 01
“ “ “ “ 3d “	265 72
“ “ “ “ 4th “	770 68

Total.....\$2,026 30

An increase of \$925.37 over the preceeding year.

Amount turned over to Posts, 1st quarter.....	\$336 76
“ “ “ “ “ 2d “	60 40
“ “ “ “ “ 3d “	72 85
“ “ “ “ “ 4th “	237 95
Total.....	<u>\$707 96</u>

A decrease of \$116.69, as compared with last year.

The following supplies are on hand in the office of Department Secretary:

1 letter press, 1 seal, 1 record book, 2 rosters, 1 ledger, 80 charter seals, 5 charter blanks, 5 mailing tubes for charters, 1 copy Beath's Blue Book, 4 letter books, 1 order book, 2 receipt books, 2 black books, 2 dies, 1 copying brushes, $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of charter ribbon, 75 applications for charter, 22 Memorial Day blanks, 2 Assistant Inspector's blanks, 46 quarterly report blanks, 83 keys to pass word, 6 membership cards, 1 discharge card, 9 transfer cards, 7 election blanks, 5 credential cards, also 167 copies proceedings of the 4th Annual Department Convention.

Much time and postage might be saved the Department did Corps officials remember that all supplies are in the hands of and disbursed by Department Treasurer. Every order sent the Department Secretary necessitates the writing of at least two letters by that officer.

In laying aside the cares and duties of the office I wish to extend thanks to the ladies throughout the Department with whom I have had such a pleasant correspondence. Though I have never looked upon the faces of some of them, I shall always hold them in cherished remembrance, for the many kind and cheering letters I have received from them assures me they are my friends and sisters, working in a common cause, than which none more noble can claim our attention. To you, Mrs. President, I offer sincere thanks for uniform kindness and consideration, feeling that the work and association of the past year have only strengthened a friendship of many years. To the Department Treasurer, Miss Ada Carlton, I would express thanks for kindly forbearance and pleasant correspondence. Mistakes some times occurred but her patience was unbounded and all was righted pleasantly.

I also wish to extend heartfelt thanks to the Past Department Sec-

retary, Mrs. Lizzie Hubbard, for instructions and assistance rendered in my work, when the work of the office was all new to me. Her suggestions and instructions were invaluable, and I shall always love her for her kindness.

And now as I surrender the work into other hands it is with but a single feeling of regret, that of missing some of the warmhearted, cheery letters from my sisters in this noble work, a work which has so fully occupied my time during the past year, in which not only hand but heart is engaged, and I can only hope the order may, in the future as in the past, flourish and increase, doing grand work for the brave men, who need our help, and for their widows and orphans. Our mission is a noble one, and not until the last Union veteran is mustered into the great hereafter, the last soldier's widow and orphan shall have folded their hands in death, can we feel that our work is completed,—our mission fulfilled. All of which is submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

ELLA COBEAN, Department Secretary.

DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT.

To Mrs. Ella Cobean, Department Secretary:

In compliance with our rules and regulations, I have the honor to present a statement of the work done by Department Treasurer from Feb. 17, 1887, to Feb. 13, 1888:

ACCOUNT CURRENT.

Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, in account with the Woman's Relief Corps:

DEBIT.			
To amount received from Past Treasurer.....	\$	207	45
“ “ “ for per capita tax		1057	38
“ “ “ charter fees		190	00
“ “ “ convention proceedings.....		6	30
“ “ “ miscellaneous		7	20
“ “ “ supplies		1191	40

Total to be accounted for.....\$2659 73

CREDIT.

By disbursements, as per abstracts.....	\$2318	73
By cash on hand.....	341	00

Total accounted for.....\$2659 73

ABSTRACT OF DISBURSEMENTS.

First quarter from Feb. 17 to March 31, 1887:

Feb. 22.	Paid Sue A. Sanders, salary	\$ 68 37
" "	" Sue A. Sanders, expenses to California	118 75
Mar. 9.	" Miss Josephine P. Cleaveland, for inspection	2 25
" "	" Clara Harral, for express, etc.	7 55
" "	" Sallie Steele, for telegram	51
" 25	" Ella Cobean, for postage and express	8 00
" 28	" Clara Harral, expenses to Dep't Convention	12 20
" "	" Clara Harral, expenses to Nat'l Convention	12 50
" "	" Lizzie Hubbard, expenses to Dep't Con.	12 50
" "	" E. Stettler, for ribbon for badges	4 88
" "	" Miss Crissy, expenses to Dep't Convention ..	1 60
" "	" C. W. Putman, for printing	7 25
" 30	" G. Brooks, for inspection	1 75
" "	" Clara Harral, aid to army nurse	10 00
" "	" R. C. Rogers, for letter book	2 20
" "	" R. C. Rogers, for mailing tubes	1 50
" "	" Guy Beatty, printing	54 00
Total		\$325 51

Second quarter from April 1 to June 30, 1887:

Apr. 18	Paid national per capita tax.	\$ 43 48
" 20	" Sue A. Sanders, express, postage, etc.	24 93
" "	" " " expenses to Con. and Quincy	16 30
" "	" " " expenses Feb. 10 to Feb. 18 ..	15 04
" "	" Julia Sine, for expenses to Quincy	22 15
" "	" Sallie Steele, expenses to Dep't Convention ..	5 10
" "	" D. A. Leaverton, expenses to Dep't Con.	10 00
" "	" Ella Cobean, salary for first quarter	22 00
" "	" Mary Holtzman, expenses to Dep't Con.	5 27
" "	" Ada Carlton, salary for first quarter	22 00
May 5	" Minnie Kyle, expenses to Dep't Convention ..	4 58
" "	" Ella Cobean, postage	5 50
" 9	" L. A. Turner, supplies	200 00
" 13	" Guy Beatty, printing	57 75
" 19	" Julia Sine, expenses to Dep't Convention	4 58
" 31	" Lizzie Hubbard, supplies used by Dep't.	7 23
June 8	" Ada Carlton, postage and money orders	10 79
" "	" Ada Carlton, traveling expenses, etc.	4 65
" 10	" Sue A. Sanders, postage	10 04
" "	" Sue A. Sanders, traveling and office supplies ..	9 60
" "	" Guy Beatty, printing	3 00
" 13	" L. A. Turner, supplies	100 00
" 22	" Ella Cobean, postage and express	5 00
Total		\$608 99

Third quarter from July 1 to Sept. 30:

July 15	Paid Guy Beatty, printing	\$ 4 00
" "	" Guy Beatty, printing	3 00
" 19	" L. A. Turner, national per capita tax	49 28
" "	" Ada Carlton, salary for 2d quarter	25 11
" "	" Ella Cobean, salary for 2d quarter	25 11

" "	"	L. A. Turner, for supplies	200 00
Aug. 11.	"	Fleta Stahl, traveling expenses to Dep't Con.	3 90
" "	"	R. C. Rogers & Co., supplies for Dep't Treas..	3 05
" "	"	L. A. Turner, for supplies	100 00
Sep. 6.	"	Ella Cobean, postage	5 31
" 8	"	Sue Sanders, postage, express and traveling .	22 44
" 22	"	Ella Cobean, postage, etc.....	4 11
Total.....			\$445 11

Fourth quarter. from Oct. 1, 1887, to Feb. 13, 1888:

Oct. 10	Paid	Ada Carlton, postage and money orders.....	9 86
" 14	"	Sue A. Sanders, headquarters at Nat'l Con...	27 30
" 17	"	Guy Beatty, printing.....	12 30
" 24	"	L. A. Turner, national per capita tax.....	51 66
" 31	"	Ada Carlton, salary for 3d quarter.....	26 58
" "	"	Ella Cobean, salary for 3d quarter.....	26 58
Dec. 6.	"	R. C. Rogers, for mailing tubes.	75
" "	"	R. C. Rogers, letter book	1 00
" "	"	Ella Cobean, postage and express.....	7 02
" 14	"	L. A. Turner, supplies.....	300 00
" 23	"	D. A. Leaverton, inspection expenses.....	34 00
Jan. 5.	"	Margaret I. Sandes, inspection expenses....	3 25
" "	"	Marilla Ward, " "	2 99
" "	"	Sue M. Simpson, " "	2 15
" 12	"	Sarah M. Bradford, " "	72 97
" "	"	Inez J. Bender, " "	1 90
" 17	"	Sue A. Sanders, " "	63 62
" 19	"	L. A. Turner, national per capita tax.....	56 12
" 21	"	Sue A. Sanders, printing Gen. Orders No. 8..	2 75
" "	"	Sue A. Sanders, printing Gen. Orders No. 9..	7 00
" 28	"	Sallie Steele, inspection.....	1 70
" "	"	Sallie Steele, expenses to Arcola.....	2 90
" "	"	Ada Carlton, salary for 4th quarter.....	28 79
" "	"	Ella Cobean, salary for 4th quarter.....	28 79
Feb. 4	"	D. A. Leaverton, expenses to Arcola.....	10 00
" "	"	Sue A. Sanders, postage, express, etc.....	32 72
" "	"	L. A. Turner, for supplies.....	49 66
" "	"	Mary Stadden, expenses to Arcola.....	4 23
" 6	"	R. C. Rogers, mailing tubes	75
" 9	"	L. A. Turner, for charters	2 50
" "	"	Laura McKeever, inspection	1 66
" "	"	Ella Cobean, postage, express, etc.....	16 12
" 11	"	Ada Carlton, postage, express, money orders.	26 20
" "	"	Sue A. Sanders, ribbon and printing.....	16 60
" "	"	Ella Cobean, salary due on per capita tax....	3 25
" "	"	Ada Carlton, salary due on per capita tax....	3 25
Total.....			\$938 92

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS.

First quarter\$325 51

Second quarter.....	608 99
Third quarter	445 31
Fourth quarter.....	938 92
	\$2318 73

ABSTRACT OF PER CAPITA TAX.

First quarter	\$228 45
Second quarter	259 70
Third quarter	273 10
Fourth quarter	296 13
	\$1057 38

SUPPLIES ON HAND.

16 Black Books,	\$ 2 40
15 Large Electrotypes	4 50
14 Small “	2 80
35 Officers Badges	10 50
75 Floor Badges	22 50
5 Receipt Books	2 00
8 Drafts	3 20
3 Order Books	1 50
2 Cash “	1 60
2 Ledgers	1 60
112 Rules and Regulations	4 48
137 Ode Cards	1 37
23 Emblems	46
24 Membership Cards	30
51 Discharges	1 02
38 Treasurers' Bonds	76
6 Transfer Cards	06
80 Relief Reports	80
	\$61 85

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.

Supplies on hand, as per statement.....	\$ 61 85
Cash on hand.....	341 00
Amount due from Corps.....	101 38
Total.....	\$504 23

LIABILITIES.

None.

Before closing my report I wish to cordially thank the Department President, Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, and the Department Secretary, Mrs. Ella Cobean, for the kindness and help extended towards me during the past year. Also thanking all the officers of the different Corps with whom I have had to transact official business.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

ADA CARLTON, Department Treasurer.

DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR'S REPORT.

Mrs. Ella Cobean, Department Secretary:

"The Counselor shall familiarize herself with the Rules and Regulations and the decisions and opinions of the Woman's Relief Corps, and be prepared to aid the President and Council when called upon to do so; and perform such other duties as may be required of her by the President."

The Woman's Relief Corps, as auxiliary to the G.A.R., has adopted rules almost similar to those of the Grand Army, hence, the Rules of Correspondence, the Grand Army of the Republic having adopted the military usages as practiced during the war.

Every member of our order should realize the importance of the mission of the auxiliary to the Grand Army, and each and every one strive to uphold the principles of our organization.

Our organization, besides being a charitable one, is a grand school for women; and I fear that we do not all fully appreciate that.

No woman can live up to the teachings of our order without it making a better woman of her.

And these same teachings, if strictly followed, will bring out the better part of ourselves and help us to bury self and "do unto others as we would that others should do unto us."

And now, dear sisters, allow me to thank you all for the encouragement and respect you have ever shown me. And to you, Mrs. President, do I owe much;—not only for the honor conferred, but for the manner in which you have always received my opinions. Although the work has been arduous, yet it is pleasant to be thus associated in the sweet bonds of fraternity, and I trust that our mutual interest in the "Woman's Relief Corps," and especially in our own grand Prairie state, may not cease with the office.

OPINION FIRST, FEB. 24, 1887.

Case.—Is it necessary for the General Orders to be approved by the Council, or any one, before they are printed?

Opinion.—I do not find anything in regard to that matter, but think that a General Order need not be approved by any one before printing.

OPINION SECOND, MARCH 9, 1887.

Case.—Should bills that were left to be paid by past administration

pass to the hands of the Executive Board before being paid?

Opinion.—No, not when they have been before the Council and submitted to the Convention and ordered paid.

Case.—Can a Department President grant a dispensation for names to be put on a charter who were not initiated at the time of institution?

Opinion.—I have never seen anything that would admit of it. In decisions of Third National Convention, W.R.C., I find this: "That hereafter Corps charters be closed at date of organization;" and Instructions to Corps Presidents say "Corps charters date from institution of Corps and only those persons then initiated can become charter members."

OPINION THIRD, MARCH 29, 1887.

Case.—Should expenses of Department officers be paid when the report recommending it was simply accepted by the Convention?

Opinion.—Cushing's Manual, pages 169 and 170, says when a report is accepted, the whole report is adopted by the assembly and becomes the statement, reasoning, opinion, resolution or other act as the case may be, of the assembly, and so forth.

Case.—Who is responsible for the correctness of convention minutes and what shall be done with them?

Opinion.—The secretary of convention is responsible for the correctness of minutes as approved; and it is the business of every member of the convention to pay attention and see that they are correct before they are approved.

It has, I believe, been the practice heretofore for the proceedings to be printed at the new headquarters.

I cannot understand why it is so, for I know if I were secretary, I should want to see to the printing of my own minutes.

OPINION FOURTH, MAY. 23, 1887.

Case.—Can Department President act as assistant Inspector?

Opinion.—Yes, if Department Inspector wants her to act as such. It is the duty of Department President to appoint the assistant Inspector on the nomination of Department Inspector. See Rules and Regulations in General Rules, Chapter 5, Article 5, Section 2.

OPINION FIFTH, OCT. 28, 1887.

Case.—Would it not be expected of a Department President to order supplies sent to a Corps that has been burned out? Please in

this, as in all others, give your opinion and receive accordingly.

Opinion.—As there have been no provisions made in the Rules and Regulations or decisions at National or Department Conventions for such a case, I think if Department President should order supplies sent from Department Treasury to a Corps that had been burned out she (the President) would be financially responsible for the same, provided the Convention did not see fit to remit the bill. But when a Department President manifests such charity as that, I think no Corps should allow her to pay the bill.

OPINION SIXTH, DEC. 26, 1887.

Case.—Is it right for Department President to order inspection bills paid without being audited by Council?

Opinion.—I do not find anything forbidding it. Article 6, Section 8, Rules and Regulations, says the Department Council shall audit the accounts of the various officers, keep a full and detailed record of its proceedings and present the same for consideration at the Department Convention at each stated meeting thereof, but does not state when they shall be audited. It is my understanding that disbursements from Department Treasury shall only be in behalf of the W.R.C., or its incidental expenses. General Rules, Article 5, Section 1, says "there shall be a thorough inspection of each Corps every year." Therefore a yearly inspection is the law and one of the objects or incidental expenses of the W.R.C. And as Inspectors receive compensation for time and labor I think that their bills should be paid when presented, and that Department Council or Convention should make some provisions or direct the same for the coming year.

OPINION SEVENTH, JAN. 5, 1888.

Case.—Can Past Department or National officers be appointed (that have not been Past Presidents) Installing officers?

Opinion.—Revised Rules and Regulations are silent on that point. But Installation service in Service book, paragraph 3, first page, says "the Installing officer shall be appointed by the Department." Beath's Blue Book, page 44, paragraph 34, which refers to G.A.R. Installation Service says "the Department Commander shall detail a comrade to act as Installing officer of Posts etc. Senior Past Post Commander may act." Therefore I think that Installing officers can be appointed by Department President, subject to special request of

any member of the order.

OPINION EIGHTH, JAN. 14, 1888.

Case from Corps No. 44.—Can a member who recommends a candidate hand in the application or can a member handing in an application vouch for the same?

Opinion.—Article 2, Section 2, Rules and Regulations, clearly explains that two members recommending a candidate on the application are the vouchers, whose duty it is to present the application at a stated meeting of the Corps.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

Department Counselor.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

Mrs. President:

In compliance with our Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to submit the condensed Memorial Day reports of sixty-two Corps, Department of Illinois, W.R.C.

It is gratifying to learn of the great interest everywhere manifested in the sacred observance of Memorial Day, an interest not confined alone to those banded together as are the W.R.C. for that purpose, and whose duty it is, but manifested by every class and age, who vied with each other as to which should show most respect and gratitude to our honored dead. The influence upon the school children who everywhere took part cannot be but for their good, for certainly in no other way can lessons of loyalty and veneration for the defenders of liberty be so effectively instilled into their minds. Perhaps many were caused to attend upon this Memorial Day because for the first time flowers were to be placed on the tomb of him in whose poetic soul the idea of Memorial Day had its origin, Gen. John A. Logan. Corps Presidents merit great praise for the nice discrimination manifested in the selection of committees, who displayed superior taste and artistic skill in the arrangement and execution of their work. The following is in substance identical with that sent to Miss Mary Garard, National Chaplain, with the addition of the reports of eight Corps, which came too late to be included in that report:

G. L. NEVIUS, No. 1, ROCKFORD.—Membership 113; number taking part in services, 50; number serving on committees, 5. Flowers furnished by contribution. A monument was erected to the "Unknown Dead," 8 feet high, beautifully decorated, surrounded by an evergreen fence 16 feet square, inscription, "To the Unknown Dead, 150,000." Refreshments were served to Post and Sons of Veterans, over 300 partaking. Expense incurred, \$8.39.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, No. 2, HENRY.—Membership, 16; number taking part, 16; attended memorial services in a body; number on committees, 4; number of children taking part, 200; flowers furnished by contribution. A cross 8 feet high was erected to the unknown dead, twined with evergreen, 16 wreaths of evergreen and flowers. Cards bearing name and No. of Regt. were attached and placed upon the cross. Expense, 50 cents.

VETERAN, No. 3, ELGIN.—Membership, 72; the corps as a body attending; 12 ladies served on committees; flowers contributed. A cross, bearing a mound, was prepared for the "Unknown Dead," profusely decorated with flowers and evergreen wreaths. Address by Gen. Black, Commissioner of Pensions. Music, very fine, both vocal and instrumental. An immense number of people present, the Corps having charge of the decorations.

DUNHAM, No. 4, DECATUR.—Membership, 45; taking part, 45; attended services in a body and as a whole assisted as committees. Flowers were contributed. A monument was prepared for the Unknown Dead twined with evergreen and flowers. 14 little girls, daughters and granddaughters of veterans, strewed the graves of our fallen heroes with flowers.

ALFRED HARRISON, No. 5, PALESTINE.—Membership 33, taking part, 16. The corps as a body attended memorial services; number serving on committees, 12; number of children taking part, 46; flowers contributed. A mound was prepared for the unknown dead. 14 wreaths of beautiful flowers with cards attached, bearing name, with name of regiment and company, were placed on the mound. Sons of Veterans placed flags on the graves; young ladies, the flowers. Refreshments were served the Post.

McCLANAHAN, No. 6, MONMOUTH.—Membership, 46, taking part, 43; serving on committees, 10; number of children taking part, 200. Flowers were contributed. A memorial was prepared for the unknown dead and decorated by children suitably uniformed for the occasion. Many beautiful floral designs were arranged for the decorations. Oration by Rev. Cuming. An address by corps president, with roll call and music closing the exercises of the day.

BLOOMINGTON, No. 7, BLOOMINGTON.—Membership, 108; taking part, 75. Attended services as a body. School children assisted. Flowers contributed and purchased for vase at Soldiers' lot in the cemetery. 16 served on committees. Memorial was prepared for the unknown dead. Executive committee had charge of Memorial Day decorations. By special request of comrades the members of Corps

assisted them at the Ritual service by strewing the graves with flowers. This day was truly given to the memory of our fallen heroes, citizens taking part in program at the park. Expense incurred \$4.50.

JOE HOOKER, No. 9, CANTON.—Membership, 43; taking part, 32; attended services as body; number serving on committees, 3; number of children taking part, 70. Flowers contributed. A memorial was prepared for the unknown dead. 38 little girls represented the states, and one, the Goddess of Liberty.

AURORA, No. 10, AURORA.—Membership 42, number taking part not given; number serving on committees, 5; number of children taking part, 70; flowers contributed. A memorial was prepared for the unknown dead.

J. L. FRENCH, No. 11, PRINCEVILLE.—Membership, 44; number taking part, 26; Corps attended memorial services in a body; serving on committees, 6; number of children taking part, 54; flowers contributed; a memorial was prepared for the unknown dead, for which 34 wreaths were entwined with the names of those who sleep on southern soil; also special decorations for the graves of Capt. J. L. French and two Corps sisters; a fine address delivered by Rev. F. W. Merrill.

BRYNER, No. 12, PEORIA.—Membership, 90; number taking part, 50; Corps attended as a body; number serving on committees, 6; twelve little girls took part; a mound for the unknown dead was prepared; a floral stack of arms and an arch with "Unknown" at the base. The decorations were very fine; expense incurred, \$24.00

CHILLICOTHE, No. 13, CHILLICOTHE.—Membership, 27; number taking part, 14; the Corps attended services as a body; no committees appointed, consequently comrades placed flags on the graves; and members of Corps strewed flowers and placed wreaths on the memorial for the unknown dead; also forwarded a beautiful floral tribute west for the grave of a sister member who died there; expense incurred, \$16.00.

DARVEAU, No 16, MORRIS.—Membership, 52; number taking part, 20; attended services as a body; number serving on committees, 2; children took part; monument to unknown dead was beautifully decorated by two little girls; flowers contributed; 56 flags marked "Union soldiers" were placed on the graves of our heroic dead who rest in our three cemeteries, known as the North, West, and East, containing 40 graves. Many floral tributes were sent by friends for the monument to the unknown dead, with cards bearing name, name and number of Regiment; expense incurred, \$3.00.

STEPHENSON, No. 17, SPINGFIELD.—Membership, 85; number taking part, 28; Corps attended memorial services as a body; number serving on committees, 10; number of children taking part, 30; flowers contributed; the graves were decorated with flags and flowers; a memorial was prepared for the unknown dead. 9 served on committee for decoration for the memorial to the unknown; expense incurred \$25.00

GALVA, No. 19, GALVA.—Membership, 21; number taking part, 21; attended memorial services as a body; serving on committees, 6 ladies and 18 girls; number of children taking part, 36; a cenotaph was erected to the unknown dead, beautifully twined with evergreen chains, a cross, a sword, a wreath and five bouquets were contributed, the chaplain gave a fine address, followed by a recitation by a young lady. Refreshments were served the Post, consisting of sandwiches, doughnuts and coffee. Expense incurred, \$3.50,

LITCHFIELD, No. 20, LITCHFIELD.—Membership, 60; taking part 12; Corps did not attend services in a body; number serving on committees, 10; 50 little girls took part in the exercises; flowers contributed; a memorial to the unknown dead was prepared; a very fine soldier's monument in the cemetery at this place; music furnished by two bands; the Knights of Pythias, Fire Department, City Marshal and citizens took part. The exercises were all that could be desired.

LEMAN, No. 21, FARMER CITY.—Membership, 37; taking part, 28; Corps attended services as a body; number serving on committees, 10; number children taking part, 130; flowers contributed; memorial was prepared to the unknown dead.

NUNDA, No. 22, NUNDA.—Membership, 28; number taking part, 20; Corps attended services as a body; refreshments were served; flowers contributed; expense incurred, \$3.00; addresses by Rev. Young, Elgin, and Casne, of this place; after the speeches, and refreshments the Corps and Post repaired to Algonquin, 8 miles distant, where decoration services were held.

COL. JAMES A. MULLIGAN, No. 23, CHICAGO—Membership, 48; number taking part, 20; Corps attended services as a body; number serving on Committees, 5; assisted by Chicago Juvenile Zouaves; flowers purchased; expense incurred, \$15.00; memorial was prepared for the unknown dead, a beautiful floral tribute in form of a Grand Army badge, three feet long with the words "Unknown Dead" in purple immortelles on the top of the badge; also a floral offering to be placed on the tomb of General John A. Logan, Washington, D. C.

LOTT, No. 24, GIBSON CITY.—Membership, 64; number taking part, 40; Corps attended services as a body; number serving on committees, 4; number children taking part, 30; flowers contributed; memorial for the unknown dead and those who died in prison was two monuments connected by an arch bearing the name of Logan.

OLNEY, No. 25, OLNEY.—Membership, 22; number taking part, 15; number of children taking part 104; expense incurred \$18.25; flowers contributed. A memorial was prepared for the unknown dead. A committee of 3 from the Post and 3 from the Corps went to the Catholic and Gardner cemeteries with baskets of flowers and decorated the 5 graves. All business houses were closed from 2 to 4, p. m.

LACON, No. 25, LACON.—Membership, 31; all taking part in the Memorial Day services; Corps attended memorial services as a body; number serving on committees, 7; flowers contributed. A wreath

was prepared for each of the army nurses, and those who starved in prison, and dedicated to the same. A cross was erected to the unknown dead.

GRAHAM, No. 23, MOLINE.—Membership, 45; number taking part, 30; Corps attended memorial services as a body. The entire membership assisted in arranging flowers, which were contributed. A memorial was prepared for the unknown dead.

WARREN, No. 29, WARREN.—Membership, 33; number taking part, 8; Corps did not attend as a body; number serving on committees, 8; number of children taking part, 45; flowers contributed. A memorial was prepared for the unknown dead. The President and Senior Vice prepared a crown for Gen. J. A. Logan, and a wreath for a member, the conductor of Corps 29.

ROSEVILLE, No. 30, ROSEVILLE.—Membership, 31; number taking part, 27; Corps attended as a body; serving on committees, 3; assisted by Corps; children took part; flowers were contributed; expense incurred, \$3.78, for music; no refreshments. A memorial was prepared for the unknown dead. A beautiful floral cross and anchor were presented by the W. C. T. U. in memory of the unknown dead. A lovely wreath of roses by the Corps, in memory of the thirteen thousand who starved in prison.

JAMES A. GARFIELD, No. 31, MAGNOLIA.—Membership, 26; number taking part, 24; attended memorial services as a body; number serving on committees, 5; number of children taking part, 30; flowers were contributed; expense incurred, \$10.85. A memorial was prepared for the unknown dead. 30 little girls, uniformed suitable for the occasion, carried the baskets of flowers. Speakers from abroad, as well as home talent; music, both vocal and instrumental.

LAWN RIDGE, No. 32, LAWN RIDGE.—Membership, 16; taking part, 12; Corps attended memorial services as a body; 20 children took part in the services; flowers contributed. A memorial was prepared for the unknown dead. 3 comrades assisted the Corps in the duties of the day.

ELLIS, No. 33, PECATONICA.—Membership, 36, number taking part, 18; the Corps attended as a body; the whole Corp assisted in the duties; flowers contributed. A memorial was prepared for the unknown dead. No expense.

MCDONOUGH, No. 34, MACOMB.—Membership, 51; number taking part, 30. Corps attended memorial service as a body. Number serving on committees, 3; flowers contributed. A memorial was prepared for the unknown dead; an arch 9 feet high was beautifully decorated; some very handsome floral pieces, as a tribute to the unknown, were placed thereon; also a large shield for General Logan with name in white flowers.

DEHAVAN, No. 35, DELAVAN.—Membership, 36; number taking part 20. The corps attended memorial service as a body; 200 children took part; flowers were contributed; \$3 expense incurred; a mound

was prepared for the unknown dead, decorated with wreathes, bouquets, baskets, etc.; and a memorial for the army nurses, which was appropriately decorated and a banner in the center.

SEDGWICK, No. 36, GARDNER.—Membership not given; number taking part in memorial day services, 30; Corps attended as a body; 38 children took part; refreshments were provided; flowers contributed; mound as memorial for unknown dead was decorated by the Corps and school children; music, both vocal and instrumental; oration by Rev. C. W. Green; also remarks by Corps President.

JOHN W. WATTS No. 37, SUMNER.—Membership, 23; number taking part 19; Corps attended memorial service as a body; number serving on committees, 4; number of children taking part, 60; flowers contributed; a lovely cross was prepared as a memorial for the unknown dead; a large number in attendance

WAUCONDA No. 38, WAUCONDA.—Membership, 18; No, taking part, 18; Corps attended service as a body; number serving on committee, the entire membership; number of children in attendance, 65; refreshments were provided for the Post; flowers were furnished by contribution; expense incurred, \$10.00; memorial was prepared for unknown dead. Rev. Horace W. Bolton, D. D., of the first M. E. church, Chicago, was the orator of the day; music, Band and Glee Club.

DAN MCCOOK, No. 40, ELMWOOD.—Membership 20; number taking part, eleven; Corps attended service as a body; number serving on committees, 2; assisted by the school children, number not given; the citizens of Elmwood did all the decorating except the memorial for the unknown dead; this sacred duty was performed by the Corps.

CAPT. A. F. KNIGHT, No. 41, ALBANY.—Membership, 23; number taking part, 8; Corps attended memorial service as a body; number serving on committees, 11; 32 children, uniformed, assisted; expense incurred, 75 cents; flowers were contributed. A memorial was prepared for the unknown dead, also for Gen. John A. Logan; address by a comrade.

GEORGE NEWELL, No. 42, HARRISBURG.—Membership, 35; number taking part in memorial day services, 30; Corps attended services as a body; number serving on committees, 3; assisted by 15 children; a memorial was prepared for the unknown dead.

THOMAS RIDDLE, No. 43, LEROY.—Membership, 71; number taking part not given; Corps attended memorial services as a body; 4 served on committees; flowers contributed; no expense incurred; a memorial for the unknown dead; the President read an appropriate poem; the decorations exceeded in beauty anything previous, both Sunday and Monday.

WILL C. ROBINSON, No. 45, STERLING.—Membership, 40; number attending Memorial Day, 25; Corps attended services as a body; number serving on committees, 11; flowers were furnished by the school children; \$2.25 expense was incurred; an arch 10 feet high of ever-

greens and flowers surmounted by a flag with the words "Brave and True" was erected to the unknown dead; 83 soldiers graves were decorated.

CHARLES A. CLARK, No. 46, RIDGE FARM.—Membership, 42; number attending, 30; Corps attended memorial as a body; number serving on committees, 4; 25 children took part; flowers were contributed; a memorial was prepared for the unknown dead.

JOHN WOOD, No. 47, QUINCY.—Membership, 70; number taking part not given; Corps attended services as a body, the entire membership acting in some capacity; no special committee; the ladies decorated the Opera Hall for the 29th; sermon by Rev. Byerley, of the M. E. church; the statue of Gov. Wood in Washington Park was appropriately decorated with evergreen, flowers and bunting; all soldiers graves throughout the cemetery were decorated.

MONROE, No. 38, CASEY.—Membership, 15; number taking part, 9; number attending memorial services, 9; the entire membership assisted in carrying out the duties of the day, assisted by 86 children; flowers were contributed; a monument to the unknown dead was suitably decorated; music by the cornet band and Methodist choir, also two infant classes sang; the largest attendance that has ever been in Casey on a similar occasion.

RUSSELL, No. 49, HAMILTON.—Membership, 35; number taking part 28; Corps attended services as a body; all took part in the work, assisted by children; number not given; a basket dinner was prepared for the Post; flowers were contributed; no expense incurred; a memorial to the unknown dead; oration by Rev. C. S. Armstrong; instrumental music, fife and drum, vocal, by members of the Corps, assisted by the church choirs; recitations etc; lastly the decoration of graves.

ELLSWORTH, No. 50, OQUAWKA.—Membership, 53; number taking part, 47; Corps attended memorial services as a body; all assisted in the work; 70 children took part; flowers were contributed; a memorial was prepared for unknown dead.

JOHN HITTLE, No. 51, MACKINAW.—Membership, 10; number taking part, 7; Corps attended services as a body; number serving on committees, 4; number of children taking part, 38; expense, \$1.40; flowers contributed; refreshments were provided for Post; a memorial was prepared for unknown dead, also for John A. Logan; 300 took part in the services.

HARLEY WAYNE, No. 52, MARENGO.—Membership, 46; number taking part, 24; Corps attended service as a body; number on committees, 3; children taking part, 75; \$4.85 expense; flowers purchased and by contribution; \$3 paid for flowers; a monument was erected to the unknown dead; 43 crosses and baskets of flowers for the soldiers' graves, and a large anchor of white flowers for the army nurses.

S. N. SANDERS, No. 54, ARCOLA.—Membership 22; number taking part, 13; Corps attended memorial services as a body; number serv-

ing on committees, 3; children taking part, 26 little boys; flowers contributed; a memorial was prepared for the unknown dead, also for Gen. Logan.

SPARTA, No. 55, SPARTA.—Membership, 30; all took part; number serving on committees, 4; number of children taking part, 130; flowers were contributed; expense incurred, \$10; five cemeteries were visited and graves decorated; the floral designs were beautiful, consisting of arches, crowns, anchors; monument for the unknown dead; an emblem, "Gates Ajar" to the memory of Gen. Logan; the exercises were impressive.

J. A. MALTBY, No. 56, MORSEVILLE.—Membership 11; number taking part, 9; Corps attended services as a body; number of children taking part, 30; number on committee, 9; flowers contributed; a memorial was prepared for the unknown dead.

MCPHERSON, No. 57, SAYBROOK.—Membership, 30; number taking part, 22; Corps attended services as a body; number of children taking part, 80; expense incurred, \$20.15; flowers purchased and contributed. A mound with an arch 6 feet high was prepared for the unknown dead, decorated by fathers and mothers of soldiers; soldiers and citizens were out in full force.

JOHN A. BROSS, No. 58, SPRINGFIELD.—Membership 26; number taking part, 20; Corps attended memorial services as a body; number serving on committees, 6; number of children taking part, 36; expense incurred, \$14; flowers contributed; a memorial was prepared for the unknown dead, also a lovely floral design for the tomb of Abraham Lincoln.

MCCULLOUGH, No. 59, EARLVILLE.—Membership 25; number taking part 16; attended memorial services as a body; number serving on committees, 8; number of children taking part 16, also 38 young ladies; expense incurred \$5.91; flowers prepared; a memorial was prepared for the unknown dead. The exercises were very interesting and participated in by the citizens generally.

GEDDES, No. 60, LAHARPE.—Membership 40; all took part; attended services as a body; serving on committees, standing Corps committees; number of children 110; expense incurred \$1.12; flowers contributed; monument erected for the unknown dead.

BOGARDUS, No. 62, WASHINGTON.—Membership 19; number taking part 16; attended services as a body; all served in every capacity; number of children taking part 78—40 girls, 38 boys; 50 cents expense; flowers contributed; a memorial was prepared for the unknown dead; a program was arranged and carried out to the letter; six reverends were present each taking part; music, both instrumental and vocal; a lasting impression for good was the result.

FRANKLIN, No. 64, MONTICELLO.—Membership 25; all took part in the exercises; attended memorial services as a body; all took part in the work for committees; number of children taking part, 60; expense incurred \$1.00; flowers contributed; a memorial for the unknown

dead, also a beautiful floral design for "those who starved in prison," in the form of a sword, the blade in white, the handle in purple flowers.

J. P. LASLEY, No. 65, CAMP POINT.—Membership 30; number taking part 24; attended memorial services as a body; all assisted in the decoration; serving on committee of entertainment, 3; number of children not given; all the Sunday school children; refreshments were provided for Post; flowers contributed; no memorial for the unknown dead.

BUFORD, No. 66, ROCK ISLAND.—Membership 49, all taking part; attended memorial services as a body; number serving on committees 3; children assisted, number not given; flowers were contributed; the exercises were very impressive; the floral offerings profuse and beautiful; no special memorial to the unknown.

CARTER VAN VLECK, No. 68, BUSHNELL.—Membership 37; a majority of Corps took part in Memorial Day exercises, also in the memorial services; number serving on committees 5; number of children 14; flowers were contributed; a memorial was prepared for the unknown dead; a chain was decorated and a lovely floral pillow placed therein, in honor of General Logan; wreaths and bouquets on monument for the unknown.

HOMER, No. 69, HOMER.—Membership 23; number taking part 22; Corps attended services as a body; number serving on committee 3; number of children taking part 32; flowers by contribution; 49 wreaths and 49 crosses and many bouquets were arranged; the Corps decorated the monument for the unknown dead.

ALEXANDER SYMPSON, No. 70, CARTHAGE.—Membership 26; all took part; attended services as a body; number serving on committees 9; number of children taking part 24; flowers contributed; monument erected to the unknown dead.

JAMES ADAMS, No. 72, CHRISMAN.—Membership 14; number taking part 11; Corps as a body attended memorial services; number of children taking part 42; expense incurred \$2.00; refreshments were provided for the Post; flowers contributed; a cross four feet high trimmed with evergreen and decorated with white flowers was erected for the unknown dead.

JAMES HUTCHINSON, No. 74, DE WITT.—Membership 17; number taking part 12; Corps as a body attended memorial service; number serving on committees 7; number of children taking part 30; a memorial was prepared for the unknown dead.

WASH ALEXANDER, No. 75, BETHANY.—Membership 20; number taking part 20; Corps as a body attended services; number serving on committee 4; number of children taking part 60; flowers contributed; memorial was prepared for the unknown dead.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Corps taking part memorial in services.....62

"	"	Members	2376
"	"	" taking part in memorial services.....	1484
"	"	Corps attending as a body.....	55
"	"	" in which children took part.....	52
"	"	Children taking part.....	2641
"	"	Corps having a memorial to "Unknown Dead"	60
"	"	Committee on Decoration	698
"	"	" Entertainment	341
Amount of expense incurred.....			\$220 99
Number of Corps serving refreshments			11
"	"	Deaths reported.....	3

Fraternally submitted.

BESSIE S. TOWNSEND, Chaplain, Dept. of Illinois.

DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the W.R.C., Department of Illinois, in Convention Assembled:

In this, the closing part of my year's work as Inspector of the W. R.C., Department of Illinois, I have the honor to report.

For the year ending Sept. 30, 1887, reports of inspection have reached me from 74 Corps, out of a total of 80 that should have been inspected.

Col. Shaw, No. 8, I am told, died last year, though the name and number still remain upon our roster.

John Brown, No. 14, was twice notified in accordance with General Orders No. 6, of Department President, to be ready for inspection, but when your Inspector presented herself according to appointment, the Corps was not present. For various reasons the other four Corps were not inspected.

I have been ably assisted by the following ladies: Mesdames Sue A. Sanders, Delilah A. Leaverton, Lou J. East, Inez J. Bender, Laura H. McKeever, Margaret I. Sandes, Sallie J. Steele, Amanda P. Olmstead, Marilla Ward, Carrie T. Becker, Sue M. Simpson; and I wish to extend to them my warmest thanks for their cordial co-operation and the creditable manner in which they performed their work.

In the Corps inspected Sept. 30th, 1887, we had a membership of 2649 with an average attendance of $18\frac{1}{2}$, being a gain in attendance this year of one per cent., the average attendance of officers being 7 and a fraction.

Some Corps seem not to understand the object of our order, as set forth in Rules and Regulations; consequently have failed to establish a relief fund. In those that have there remains in their treasuries a balance of \$2494.70, while during the year the amount expended in relief reached the handsome sum of \$2283.07; the estimated value of relief other than money reached \$1134.33, making a total of \$3417.40 expended in relief by the Department of Illinois.

I am happy to report the work of the Ritual completely memorized by the officers in the following Corps, 5, 10, 12, 13, 17, 45 and 64, and memorized by part of the officers in 1, 3, 7, 9, 15, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 36, 37, 40, 44, 46, 55, 57 and 65. The increased impressiveness of the service should induce all officers to thoroughly memorize their part. While it does not strictly appertain to this report, I will say in this connection we have a laudable example set us by Mrs. Lizzie Blackmore, of Corps No. 15, now serving her third term as Senior Vice-Pres., who has been frequently called upon to occupy the President's chair, and has stored in her memory not only her own but the President's part of the Ritual, including the service of initiation.

For the good of our order and as a favor to the incoming Department officers, your Inspector would recommend the importance of Department President convening Inspector and assistants for instruction, until they are properly qualified for their work. In this way alone can we have uniformity throughout the Department.

The recommendation of Mrs. Leaverton, made at the Rock Island Convention is worthy of repetition, *i. e.*, that no one be sent to institute a Corps until Department President is aware of her qualification for the work. The result of imperfect work in this particular is apparent in many instances. A Corps improperly organized and instructed is blighted at the very beginning and fails to make the desired impression in the community; instead of attracting it soon dwindles into insignificance.

A public office is a public service. The officers of a Corps are the servants of the Corps. Some members are capable of rendering better service than others. The best we have are none too good for our order. The most intelligent as to our work should be made our servants; hence I would recommend the utmost caution and care in ev-

ery Corps in the selection of its officers. Intelligence and integrity should never be discounted by personal prejudice nor personal favor.

Ladies fail to realize that they have taken upon themselves a vow, that they have pledged their honor as women to work for the good of our order whose chief object is charity. Let every member of every Corps from this time forth determine to lay aside self and selfish interests and follow in the foot-steps of our Great Leader, who cared not for himself but toiled incessantly that others might be blessed.

I desire to impress upon the members of this Convention and through you the Corps you represent, the importance of having all books and Corps papers ready for the Inspector. How can the Inspector inspect the books unless they are in the hall? In some instances the officers neglected this part of their duty.

On behalf of her assistants, and personally, your Inspector hereby expresses her appreciation of courtesy and cordiality everywhere extended. The sweet recollections of glad greetings, banquetings and receptions recall the lines of the poet:

"Long, long shall my heart with these memories be filled,
Like the vase in which roses have once been distilled.
You may break, you may shatter that vase if you will,
But the scent of the roses will hang 'round it still."

Such memories tend to compensate for the inconvenience of rising at unseemly hours to catch a railway train, for the discomfort and danger of warming spare beds, riding on freight trains to fill appointments, to say nothing of being absent from home and family for weeks at a time. In the performance of this labor of love more than 6,000 miles have been traveled at a cost to the Department of only \$182.41. While the figures may seem large to you, ladies, it is really small compared to the amount of work done. It is pleasant to say and should be said that owing to the intelligent, judicious, energetic and inspiring leadership of our estimable President, to whom I am indebted for the honor of my appointment, abuses have been corrected, difficulties have been removed and a long and strong step forward has been taken. Many of our organizations have grown in knowledge and efficiency and have learned to love our order and our work as never before. Her success is our honor and merits our commendation.

Encouraged by the success of the past let us hope for more aggressiveness in the future and aim to have a working Corps wherever there is a Post in all this great commonwealth.

RECAPITULATION.

Members in good standing.....	2649
Amount expended in relief.....	\$3417 40
“ in relief fund.....	\$2494 70
No. of Corps inspected.....	74

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

SARAH M. BRADFORD,

Department Inspector.

DEPARTMENT INSTITUTING AND INSTALLING OFFICER'S REPORT.

Mrs. President.— I have the honor to submit to you and the Fifth Department Convention the following report of the institution of new Corps, during my term of office; also the reports of installation of officers for the coming year: There have been, from March 4, 1887 to Jan. 12, 1888, 29 new Corps instituted in the Department. Of installation of officers for 1888, I have received reports from 44 Corps, and of this number 12 were public, 5 private, 5 held joint installations with the Post and 22 were not reported. Out of the 44 reported, 20 were installed by comrades. In many of the reports sent me they speak of joint installations with the Post, and public installations, inviting comrades and sons of veterans. They speak of the good times, the instructive times and in some cases, of the financial benefit derived from such meetings. All this reminds me of how grand a thing it would be to know that every Corps in this Department was in perfect harmony with the Post to which they are auxiliary, for without the G.A.R. the W.R.C. would never have existed, and I feel and would suggest, that in so far as it is practicable, Post and Corps ought to mingle socially, and exchange thoughts and views on the one grand object for which we are banded together. We are many persons of many minds, and we have many members who never express their thoughts except in conversations with a friend, and in these social meetings is where we get the benefit of these persons' ideas, who from timidity or diffidence, will never let their voice be heard; and their suggestions are oft times of great val-

ue. In conclusion, I desire to tender the Department President and Secretary, my sincerest thanks for the many courtesies shown me during the past year. And to the assistant instituting and installing officers is due the grateful acknowledgment of valuable aid rendered me in performing the duties of my office. And now entering this new year let the noble trio of the Grand Army, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty be our inspiration.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

LIDA A. OLDROYD,
Department I. and I. Officer.

[Tabulated reports arranged by I. and I. Officer appear on following pages.]

INSTITUTION OF NEW CORPS IN 1887-8.

NAME OF CORPS.	No.	LOCATION.	CHARTER MEMBERS	DATE OF INSTITUTION.	NAME OF PRESIDENT.	INSTITUTING AND INSTALLING OFFICERS.
Carter VanVleck	68	Bushnell	30	Mar. 4	Fannie Young	Carrie B. Karr
J. P. Lasley	65	Camp Point	23	" 12	Artemesia Hall	Carrie B. Karr
Homer	69	Homer	20	" 16	M. Humrichouser	Sallie J. Steele
James Adams	72	Cherry Point	15	" 31	Martha Wise	Sallie J. Steele
Alexander Sympson	70	Carthage	27	" 31	Mary Riley	Sarah M. Bradford
Chebanse	71	Chebanse	39	Apr. 8	Emma J. Roll	Alice E. Miller
Henry Cobb	67	Metrop's City	30	" 22	May Robinson	Kate N. Pickett
Wash. Alexander	75	Bethany	19	" 22	Elizabeth Mitchell	Sallie J. Steele
Silas Casey	73	Bright'n Park	28	" 27	Mary Hutchinson	Margaret I. Sandes
James Hutchinson	74	DeWitt	17	" 28	Levina Wilson	Jennie Luddington
Waneonda	38	Waneonda	12	May 5	Viola Wood	Emma C. Beckley
Coultersville	77	Coultersville	18	June 29	Lou East	Anna Barker
Kenesaw	76	Danville	49	July 8	Sarah E. Wilkins	Inez J. Bender
Z. S. Clifford	79	Equality	10	" 14	Fannie Rogers	Kate N. Pickett
Merritt Simons	80	DeKalb	24	" 28	Matilda C. Sickles	Lizzie Hubbard
McLean	82	Beaverton	13	Aug. 11	Julia Hare	Carrie B. Carr
McDowell	78	E. St. Louis	18	Sep. 9	Martha Hender	Henrietta Stiesmier
Godfrey Weitzell	81	Chicago	35	Oct. 26	Charlotte Newburn	Margaret I. Sandes
Robert Hale	84	Fulton City	34	" 28	Lizzie Summers	F. E. Austin
Hudson	91	Hudson	10	Nov. 10	Harriet Scragg	Sade Rowley
Mendell	86	Springfield	21	" 12	Addie Ide	Lida Oldroyd
Driskells	87	Paris	34	" 14	Rachael Culbertson	Sue A. Sandes
Amos Morey	90	New Canton	23	" 16	Orpha Atkinson	Laura E. Distin
Barrington	85	Barrington	24	" 17	Ada Selleck	Margaret I. Sandes
Farragut	92	Chicago	28	" 26	Sophia Lincott	Margaret I. Sandes
W. H. Wallace	93	Centralia	29	" 31	Mattie Green	Sue A. Sandes
Warren Stewart	88	Cairo	25	Dec. 1	Sarah E. Hannon	Sue A. Sandes
James P. Foster	95	Cairo	51	Jan. 5	Alice Taylor	Margaret K. Ford
Woodruff	94	Marseilles	28	" 12	Mary Stone	Clara W. Harral

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, 1888.

NAME OF CORPS.	NU.	LOCATION.	DATE.	INSTALLING OFFICER.	REMARKS.
S. W. Sanders	54	Arcola	Jan. 2	Nellie M. Bassett	Public
Robert Hale	84	Fulton	" "	C. A. Griswold, P. P. C.	
Franklin	64	Monticello	" 3	S. H. Hubble, P. P. C.	
Burnside	87	Paris	" "	H. Sells, P. P. C.	
Joe Hooker	9	Canton	" "	D. W. Lewis, P. P. C.	Corps and Post
McDowell	82	E. St. Louis	" 4	L. M. Johnson, P. P. C.	
Bryner	12	Peoria	" "	M. A. Mann	
Godfrey Weitzel	81	Chicago	" "	Margaret I. Sandes	Corps and Post
Dunham	4	Decatur	" "	Mary A. Bradley	Private
Silas Casey	73	Bright'n Park	" "	Margaret I. Sandes	Public
Henry Cobb	67	Metropolis	" 5	Sam. Cronwell, P. C.	
Potter	18	Sycamore	" "	Letta A. Burst	
Lott	24	Gibson City	" "	M. A. Damon	
Chillicothe	13	Chillicothe	" "	H. H. Nourse	Corps and Post
Galva	19	Galva	" 6	Fitch, P. P. C.	
Carter Van Vleck	68	Bushnell	" "	J. H. Johnson, P. C.	Private
John A. Davis	44	Freeport	" "	Henry Burroughs, P. P. C.	Public
James Hutchinson	74	DeWitt	" 7	John Armstrong, P. P. C.	
Thomas Riddle	43	Le Roy	" "	J. B. Paterson, P. P. C.	Corps and Post
L. Mountain	2	Henry	" "	Bessie A. Townsend	
Homer	69	Homer	" "	W. C. Custer	
Nunda	22	Nunda	" "	Wm. Butler, P. C.	Private
J. F. French	11	Princeville	" "	Carrie Wilson	Public
James Adams	72	Cherry Point	" "	Smith, P. P. C.	Corps and Post
J. A. Garfield	31	Magnolia	" 9	Nellie Taylor	Public
Farragut	92	Chicago	" "	Minnie Kyle	
James A. Mulligan	23	Chicago	" 12	Minnie Kyle	
Phillips	20	Litchfield	" 13	Abbie Gale Hood	Public
Sedgwick	36	Gardner	" "	Jennie Gross	
Darveau	16	Morris	" "	Mary Etanco	Public

Barrington	85	Barrington	Jan. 13	Margaret L. Sandes	Public
J. P. Lasley	65	Camp Point	" 14	J. P. Lasley, P. P. C.	
Z. S. Clifford	79	Equality	" 14	Henry Wakefield	Public
George Newe	42	Harrisburg	" 14	Kate N. Pickett	Private
Coulterville II	77	Coulterville	" 17	Chas. J. Childs.	
M. K. Lawler	39	Shawneetown	" 17	Knowland, Sr. P. C.	
Amos Morey	90	New Canton	" 18	M. D. Masey, P. C.	
Hudson	96	Hudson	" 21	J. S. Johnson, P. C.	Public
John A. Bross	58	Springfield	" 23	Lida A. Oldroyd	
Henry Longnecker	63	Robinson	" 25	L. A. Browning, P. C.	Public
Alfred Harrison	5	Palestine	" 18	Sarah Freeman	Private
Mendell	86	Springfield	" 10	Lida A. Oldroyd	Public
Stephenson	17	Springfield	" 19	Lida A. Oldroyd	
T. Lyle Dickey	15	Pontiac		Alice E. Miller	

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Simpson. Motion prevailed and convention adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention was called to order at 2:20 p. m.

All visiting members were requested to repair to the gallery. Mrs. Constance Stephenson was appointed Guard and Mrs. Hendricks Conductor for the gallery. Conductors take pass-word and report all present members of the order.

Roll call of officers showed all present except Senior Vice-President, Junior Vice-President and Treasurer, whose places were filled, but before work was begun the officers arrived and appointees were relieved. Convention was then opened in Ritualistic form—Chaplain's scripture selection very appropriate.

Records of morning session read by Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Inez J. Bender, and approved.

Report of Miss Ada Carlton read, and on motion by Mrs. Bender, properly seconded, was accepted and referred to Committee on Officers' reports.

The President then explained action to be taken on an application for membership, after which ballot was taken, thereby showing the proper manner of balloting in subordinate Corps.

Mesdames Sarah J. Conant, Lelia Bussing and Nancy M. Ridgeway, of Springfield, were then initiated in due form and declared members of Stephenson Corps, No. 17, of Springfield.

The President now gave members an opportunity for asking questions:

Mrs. Newburn, of Chicago, asked: "When investigating committee report unfavorably must ballot be taken?" Answered in the affirmative.

Mrs. Distin, of Quincy, asked: "When candidate is well known must investigating com. wait until next meeting to report?" Answer: "Committee can sign application at any time but action cannot be taken until next meeting."

Question: "Can pass-word be given to members of Post and can

they be admitted to meetings of the Corps?" Answer: "Pass-word cannot be given to any but members of W.R.C. and members of Post cannot be admitted during the transaction of business.

Question: "Can chairman of investigating committee make verbal report if they have not the application with them?" Answered by Mrs. Cheney, National Secretary, that they cannot, Beath deciding such action not legal.

Question: "Which badge shall past officers wear, past officers' or floor?" Answer: "It is optional with the past officer, as either can be worn."

Question: "If a member is expelled has she a right to wear the badge of the order?" Answer: "You cannot prevent it if she wishes to wear the badge."

Miss Carlton, Department Treasurer, then announced the price of past officers' badges to be 45c.; pendant, 5c.

Question: "Are members assessed for per capita tax?" Answer: "No; It is taken from general fund."

Question: "Can chaplain use other prayer than that given in the Ritual?" Answer: "She cannot."

Question: "Can a lady wear badge of the W.R.C. and Ladies of the G.A.R.?" Answer: "No objection to her doing so."

Question: "Is it necessary that report of investigating committee be be unanimous or just a majority?" Answer: "Majority rules."

Question: "If after a candidate has been balloted for and elected unfavorable reports are brought in regarding her what action shall be taken?" Answer: "Beath's decision is: 'If after an applicant has been duly elected, but before he has been mustered he should so conduct himself as to convince the comrades of the Post that he is unworthy of membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, they may by a vote of the Post ask the Department Commander to set aside the ballot by which such applicant was elected, and it is lawful for him to set such ballot aside.' The same ruling applies to the Woman's Relief Corps."

Question: "Is Corps President a working member of all committees? Has she a right to vote in same?" Answered by Mrs. Cheney, National Secretary: "She is an ex-officio member and can work if she wishes."

Question: "Can a Corps President carry honors from one department to another?" Answer: "She cannot."

Question: "Can a lady join a Corps in another town if there is a Corps in her own place?" Answer: "She can."

Question: "If an applicant has been rejected as a charter member of one Corps can she be admitted to another Corps on application?" Answer: "She can."

Question: "If Corps President resigns before her term of office expires does she obtain honors as past President?" Answer: "She does not."

Question: "What is the fee to be paid by members admitted by transfer." Answer: "Each Corps fixes its own fee."

Question: "If Post asks Corps to give them one-half of the funds in treasury what action shall be taken?" Answer: "Corps can use their own pleasure as they are under no obligations to comply with the request unless it meets their approbation."

Question: "If three highest officers are absent can past President of another Corps preside?" Answer, by Mrs. Cheney, National Secretary: "She cannot."

Question: "Has I. and I. Officer the right to refund money to candidate and not admit her?" Answer: "She has not."

Question: "Should chaplain salute before leaving her station or at the altar?" Answer: "New Ritual instructs that the salutations should be given only when reporting her duties."

Question: "What does giving aid and comfort to the rebellion mean?" Answer: "Just what it says, giving aid or assistance to the enemies of the Union in their works of treason against the government, whether north or south."

Question: "Can a woman who was born and raised in the south, but who is loyal, on reaching maturity become a member of the W. R. C.?" Answer: "She can."

Question: "If only eight members are present how many black-balls reject?" Answer: "Four or more."

Question: "Has President a right to declare candidate elected if four or more blackballs have been cast?" Answer: "She has not."

Question: "Should members filling officers' chairs pro tem. vacate when officer appears?" Answer: "It is only courtesy to do so."

Question: "If applicant pays her initiation fee and outside influence prevents her initiation does she afterwards have to make another application and pay second fee?" Answer: "She does not unless the limit of time fixed by Rules and Regulations shall have passed."

Question: If a comrade's wife makes application for membership must she be received because she is a comrade's wife?" Answer: "No; ballot must decide in case of comrade's wife just the same as any other applicant."

Question: "Can a third ballot be taken?" Answered in the negative.

Question: "When contention occurs in Corps is it right to call in Post Commander or other comrade to decide?" Answer: "It is not right."

Motion was then made by Mrs. Sine, seconded by Mrs. Kyle, to send greeting to Department Convention W.R.C. now in session in Milwaukee, Wis. Motion prevailed and the following telegram was sent:

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., FEB. 15, 1888.

To Mrs. Gertie Rogers, President Department of Wisconsin W.R.C.:

The W.R.C., Department of Illinois, now in convention assembled, send loving greetings to W.R.C., of Wisconsin.

Signed, SUE A. SANDERS, President Dep't Illinois W.R.C.

Roll call of convention was next in order. On account of the imperfect manner in which many Corps had made out election returns the list was incomplete and on motion by Mrs. Bradley, properly seconded, the roll call of convention and report of Committee on Credentials was deferred until next session, giving to Corps Presidents, or highest officer present, opportunity to hand to Secretary a certified list of all delegates and alternates, also list of Past Presidents.

Report of Department Secretary, Mrs. Ella Cobean, was then read and referred to Committee on Officers' Reports. This was followed by reports of Department I. and I. officer, Mrs. Lida A. Oldroyd, and of Department Inspector, Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, which were referred to same committee.

Report of Department Chaplain, Mrs. Bessie S. Townsend, was then called for, but on account of hall being badly lighted, was deferred until next session, and report of Department Counselor, Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton, was read and referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.

It was then moved by Mrs. Sallie J. Steele, that the door be closed and not opened during the reading of the minutes of Department Council, which was next in order. Seconded and carried.

The minutes of session of Department Council, which was held at 2 p. m., on Tuesday, Feb. 14, were then read, as follows:

Executive Board held session at 9 a. m., Tuesday, Feb. 14. The following members were present: Mesdames, Clara W. Harral, Lizzie Hubbard, Mary Holtzman and Marilla Ward; absent, Mrs. Abbie Holmes. They at once proceeded with the work of auditing the books of Secretary and Treasurer.

Department Council convened in Room 19, Revere House at 2 o'clock p. m., Feb. 14th. All members present except Department Chaplain, Mrs. Bessie S. Townsend and Mrs. Abbie Holmes. The following report was read by Mrs. Clara W. Harral, Chairman of Executive Board:

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., FEB. 14, 1888.

To the President and Members of the Council, Department of Illinois, W.R.C.—We, the members of the Executive Board, W.R.C., beg leave to offer the following report. We have carefully examined the books of the Secretary and Treasurer and find them correct in every respect. We heartily commend the neatness and general business energy displayed in their arrangement, thereby greatly facilitating the work of this committee. Our satisfaction with the work is such we do not in this report embody any recommendations.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

CLARA W. HARRAL,
LIZZIE HUBBARD,
M. K. HOLTZMAN,
MARILLA WARD.

It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Motion prevailed unanimously.

The case of S. N. Sanders Corps, No. 54, was then brought before the Council by Department President, Mrs. Sue A. Sanders. Mrs. Leaverton made statement of the object of the committee consisting of Mesdames Leaverton, Steele and Stadden, in going to Arcola to investigate the trouble. Department President at request of Council, gave a full account of the trouble existing in that Corps, after which charges and specifications against the president of said Corps were read, as was also the evidence which had been brought before the committee of investigation.

Mrs. Steele read letter from Senior Vice-President of Corps, No. 54 giving statement regarding the cases of balloting which accused giving number of black balls cast against certain candidates; letter from Mrs. Stadden to Mrs. Leaverton was read, after which various affidavits were read, also letters from different parties of both factions. Proceedings of Court of Inquiry were then read by Secretary as were also recommendations of Committee of Investigation. A general discussion followed relating to the case, and also to black balling through malice. It was decided a resolution should be drafted to be presented to National Convention asking some legislation to better control the balloting. The following resolution was accordingly adopted:

WHEREAS, It having come to the ears of this Council that under the present system of balloting, personal spite and petty malice have gained too great influence and are working ruin to our order. Therefore be it

Resolved by this Council that we request the National Convention to take under advisement the feasibility of so changing the Rules and Regulations that one third of the balls cast shall be black to reject a candidate.

Resolved, That a clause be added that shall provide defense and punishment for such offense.

It was then decided to await the arrival of delegates from Corps No. 54, before proceeding further.

Department President brought the printing of Convention proceedings before Council for their action. Mrs. Bradford moved that they be left in the hands of retiring officers for printing; seconded and carried unanimously. The following resolution was then offered by Mrs. Bradford:

WHEREAS, It is essential that our order have some official medium of communication, and

WHEREAS, The *National Vidette*, edited by Mrs. Sue A. Sanders is well suited to our wants, therefore

Resolved, That this Department hereby recognizes the *National Vidette* as such official medium and expresses the wish that Mrs. Sue A. Sanders may remain in editorial charge and that every Corps may communicate items of interest through its columns and that every member of our order may have her name on the subscription list.

Moved by Mrs. Leaverton and seconded by Mrs. Sandes that the Council adopt the resolution. Motion prevailed.

The case of Corps No. 29, whose charter had been revoked by request of Warren Post, No. 319, to which they were auxiliary was called up and Department President gave a synopsis of the case, stating troubles which had occurred in said Corps which finally led the Post to demand that the charter be revoked.

A statement was made by Department President in regard to supplies which had been sent to Corps No. 5, of Palestine, to replace those destroyed by fire. Motion by Mrs. Hubbard and seconded by several, that Department pay for the supplies. Motion prevailed. Council then adjourned for supper.

Pursuant to adjournment Council again convened at 7 o'clock p. m., for further consideration of trouble in S. N. Sanders Corps, No. 54, five members of said Corps being present.

By vote of Council the delegate and alternate representing each faction were chosen to give testimony. Affidavits were read from four of the members of said Corps, stating that they had cast black balls against the candidate, whom their President declared elected. Mesdames Beggs, Bassett, and Curtis expressed the opinion that the Corps could never again work in harmony. Mrs. Shahan gave no opinion in the matter. After much evidence had been given on both sides these ladies were asked to retire and Council discussed ways and means of settling the trouble. It was moved and seconded that the members of S. N. Sanders Corps, No. 54, who had filed affidavits thereby making public the secrets of the ballot, be severely censured or reprimanded by the incoming council, and the Corps be suspended for six months, suspension to date from beginning of new administration. All voted in the affirmative except Department Senior Vice-President, Mrs. Sallie J. Steele.

The following bills were presented, and on motion were allowed: Mrs. D. A. Leaverton, for postage, \$1.50; Mrs. S. M. Bradford, for postage, 50 cents; Mrs. M. K. Holtzman, expenses to Bloomington, to audit Treasurer's books, \$1.90.

It was also voted that the traveling expenses incurred attending convention, of all Department officers including members of the Council, should be paid by Department. No other business being brought up Council adjourned. ELLA COBEAN, Sec. Dep't Council.

No objection being made the minutes of Council stood approved as read.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Bradford that the convention hear Department Secretary's consolidated report of articles sent by Corps to Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy. Seconded and carried. Department Secretary then read the report.

Motion by Mrs. Inez J. Bender that report be accepted and engrossed on our minutes; seconded by Mrs. Minnemyer and prevailed.

Mrs. Leaverton then moved that the report be itemized in proceedings of convention. Seconded and carried.

The following is the itemized report, as received by Department Secretary, from the various Corps:

No. 1.—50 yds. muslin made up in night shirts, etc., 2 pairs slippers, 18 lbs. plants, bulbs, etc., 10 night shirts, 2 dozen handkerchiefs, 6 towels, 10 combs, 11 hair brushes, 6 button bags filled, 6 pin cushions, 1 rubber bag, 1 box thread, 16 balls tape, 6 dozen buttons, 25 aprons, 14 rugs, 2 tooth brushes, 1 nail brush, 2 pictures framed, 2 picture frames, 2 paper holders, 4 pictures, 2 games, 1 dozen packages tobacco, 2 dozen pipes, 1 box toilet soap, 300 magazines, 3 whisk brooms, 400 papers, 1 subscription to *National Tribune* 1 year, 1 subscription to *New York Witness* 1 year, *Golden Censor* 1 year, 5 quilts.

No. 4.—1 box books, magazines, etc.; 4 Brussels rugs, 1 paper holder, 1 comb case, 9 needle books, 8 button bags (all filled), 6 pin cushions, 4 quilts, 2 night shirts, 2 games, 1 picture, framed; 12 pen holders, \$2.00 in money.

No. 5.—1 box plants, seeds and bulbs; 8 books, 4 quilts, 4 rugs, 5 pin cushions, 4 needle books (well filled), 4 button bags (well filled), 1 night shirt, 2 pictures, one of them a crayon of Mrs. Lois F. S. Holbrook, Past National I, and I. Officer, enlarged and presented by Mrs. D. A. Leaverton; \$2.00 in money.

No. 6.—4 quilts, 6 rugs, 6 button bags, 6 needle books, 5 pin cushions, 1 comb case, 1 paper holder, 1 motto, 2 pictures, gilt frames; 25 books, 66 bound volumes, 2 games.

No. 7.—1 box books, 1 rug.

No. 10.—400 yards bandages, 1 year's subscription to the *National Tribune*, 2 easy chairs, 12 combs, buttons, needles, thread, 30 rugs, 11 comforters, 1 Bible, 12 testaments, 25 handkerchiefs, 22 thimbles, 18 tooth brushes, 6 hair brushes.

No. 11.—1 box bulbs and seeds, 1 box books and pictures.

No. 16.—33 books, 4 pictures, 2 pillows, 6 pillow slips, 6 sheets, 7 quilts, 2 comforters, 6 rugs, 1 match safe, 1 door mat, 1 looking-glass, 75 magazines, 2 wall pockets, 1 book shelf, 1 brush broom, 1

brush and comb, 6 pin cushions, 6 button bags, 1 night shirt, 1 box toilet soap, 1 box roots, 36 packages seeds.

No. 18.—1 box plants.

No. 19.—1 box books and magazines, 3 pin, button and needle cases, 1 pin cushion, 1 quilt, 3 chair cushions, 1 lamp mat, 1 plaque, 1 tidy, \$2.00 money.

No. 20.—1 box plants and bulbs.

No. 21.—9 pin cushions, 2 night shirts, 1 towel, 1 quilt, 1 tidy, 1 paper holder, 6 button bags, 1 needle book and thread, 3 brush brooms, 1 game, 1 box bulbs and seeds, 1 year *Chautauqua Magazine*, 1 year *National Tribune*, 1 year *American Review*, 1 year *Old Fellows' Magazine*, 3 pictures, 1 cane, 2 sheets, 1 book, \$2.00 in money and miscellaneous reading matter.

No. 22.—1 night shirt, 1 comb case, 6 button bags, 3 comforters, 1 paper holder, 10 pin cushions, 5 needle cushions, 1 box plants and bulbs.

No. 24.—1 box plants, 2 chair cushions, 6 pincushions, 1 paper holder, 1 night shirt, 1 steel engraving, 1 slumber pillow for chair, 1 box books, 1 mending bag, 1 needle bag, 6 button bags, 5 rugs, 4 quilts, 1 comb and brush, 1 holder for comb and brush.

No. 25.—4 comforters, 1 night shirt, 40 pamphlets, 1 package books, 1 button bag, 2 pictures, 23 books, 7 pin cushions, 3 needle books, 1 comb case.

No. 26.—1 box bulbs and plants.

No. 28.—6 night shirts, 6 Brussels rugs, 12 pictures, books and magazines, 6 button bags, 6 pin cushions, 8 quilts, 1 bracket.

No. 29.—1 box plants and bulbs, box books, 6 floor rugs, 1 paper holder, 1 comb case, 6 button bags (filled), 6 pin cushions (filled), 6 needle books (filled), 4 quilts, 1 night shirt, 1 game, 1 picture, \$2.00 in money.

No. 30.—1 box books, 6 rugs, 6 button bags (filled), 6 pin cushions (filled), 1 night shirt, 1 looking-glass, 1 pair sheets, 2 quilts, 2 comforters, 1 comb case, 1 game, 1 paper holder, 1 pair pillow cases, \$2.00 in money.

No. 31.—1 box books and magazines, 2 comforters.

No. 32.—1 box plants, 1 box books and magazines, 4 button bags, 1 large quilt, 1 pin cushion, 4 needle books, 2 comforters from G. A. R. Post.

No. 33.—1 box books and magazines, 4 quilts, 2 night shirts, 1 comb case, 1 game, 6 pin cushions (filled), 6 needle books (filled), 5 button bags (filled), 1 box plants and bulbs, \$2.00.

No. 34.—4 quilts, 10 books, 12 magazines, 6 button bags, 1 pin cushion.

No. 35.—1 box plants and bulbs, 1 box books.

No. 38.—3 comforts, 1 comb case, 1 wall bracket, 6 rugs, 1 night shirt, pincushions, magazines, etc.

No. 40.—6 rugs, 1 shoe brush, 6 quilts, 4 sheets, 6 tidies, 7 pack ages seeds, 6 pictures, 1 box blacking, 1 wall pocket, 1 night shirt, 8 needle books and button bags, 1 box magazines, 8 towels, 2 boxes toilet soap, 8 books, 3 chair cushions.

No. 45.—1 box containing rugs, quilts, night shirts, cushions, needle books, combs, button bags, etc.

No. 49.—1 box plants, 1 box books, \$2.00 in money.

No. 51.—1 comfort from Post, 1 comfort from Corps, 6 needle books, books, etc.; 1 sheet, 8 prs. pillow cases, 6 pairs socks, 1 pair drawers, 1 night shirt, 4 pictures, 4 towels, 8 cushions, 3 quilts, 1 pillow, 3 rugs.

No. 52.—1 box reading matter, comforts and many other articles.

No. 64.—1 box books, 3 quilts, 6 rugs, 1 comb case, 6 needle books, 5 pin cushions, 1 game, 1 pair suspenders, 1 pair slippers.

No. 65.—1 box books, 1 box bulbs and plants, \$2 in money.

No. 69.—2 quilts, 2 night shirts, needle cushions, button bags, books and magazines.

The following communication from Mrs. John A. Logan was then read by Secretary, and on motion by Mrs. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Theill, was ordered spread upon the minutes:

CALUMET PLACE, WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11, 1888.

My Dear Friend:—Please convey to the Woman's Relief Corps of Illinois, of which you have the honor to be President, my sincere regrets that I cannot be present at their deliberations, on the 15th. It would gratify me much to greet the friends who were held in such high esteem by my noble husband, but it is impossible for me to come. May the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and its worthy auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, enjoy the occasion and prove to be in a flourishing condition. Thanking you for the many evidences of your remembrance in my unmitigating sorrow, I am,
 Very Truly Yours, MRS. JOHN A. LOGAN.

Mrs. Sandes moved that the greeting of the convention be telegraphed Mrs. Logan; seconded by Mrs. Leaverton and prevailed unanimously.

Accordingly the following telegram was sent:

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Feb. 15, 1888.

To Mrs. John A. Logan, Washington, D. C.:—Your sisters of the W.R.C. send greetings from loving hearts, regretting your inability to be with them. Signed, SUE A. SANDERS, Pres. Dep't Ill. W.R.C.

On motion the convention adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, Thursday morning.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Convention called to order at 9:15, a. m., Mrs. Steele, of Decatur, acting as Guard and Mrs. Bradford as Conductor, with Mrs. Miller, of Chenoa, as Assistant; Mrs. Miller, of Monticello, Guard for the gallery.

Chaplain read a portion of Scripture.

Records of previous session read and approved.

Mrs. Bradley moved that all questions asked at the previous session as recorded in the minutes, which were answered in R. and R., be expunged from records; seconded by Mrs. Bradford and prevailed.

Roll call of officers followed. All present except I. and I. officer, Mrs. Lida A. Oldroyd.

The following report was made by the Committee on Credentials:

Mrs. President.—Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to offer the following report: We have examined the election returns and find the number of those entitled to seats in Convention is 274, of whom we find 160 present, representing 73 Corps.

ELLA COBEAN,
SARAH E. WILKIN
MARILLA WARD.

Roll call of Convention was next in order. Names of those present are designated by an asterisk (*).

No. 1.—Delegates: Past Department President, *Julia G. Sine; President, *S. R. Spalding; Past President, M. E. VanAlstyne; *Matilda Gaylord, *Emma Woodruff, *Mrs. Tisdale, *Emma Hale, *Carrie Kingsley, *Miranda Thurston. Alternates: Lizzie Swarthout, Julia Ellison, Minnie Kyle, Delia Johnson, Mary Mitchell, Mrs. Sherman.

No. 2.—Delegate: President, *Eliza Adams. Alternate: Eliza beth Goodrich.

No. 3.—Delegates: President, Ellen Brydges; Past President, Carrie T. Becker; *L. M. Jackman, S. F. Perry. Alternates: *M. M. Andrews, Mrs. Kellogg, Mrs. Lillie, *Ida Hewitt.

No. 4.—Delegates: President, *Mira Mark; Past President *Anna Hopping; *Mary E. Bradley, *Louisa M. Wilson. Alternates: India Hill, Carrie E. Spore, Mary Winegardner.

No. 5.—Delegates: President, *Lida Anderson; *Martha Lindsay. Alternates: Sarah Emmons, Martha Hughes.

No. 6.—Delegates: President, *Anna Morgan; Anna Ely, *Mrs. Reed, Sarah Chapman, *Mrs. Piper. Alternates: Nettie Emmons, *Mrs. Dunkle; Flora Smiley, Mrs. Gosset.

No. 7. Delegates: President, *Dora Meyers; Past President, *Sade Rowley; Past President, *Fleta Stahl; *Helen Ives, *Mary Davisson, *Maggie Bowlby, Mary Furgeson, *C. F. Webb. Alternates: Gertrude Fifer, Mrs. Newell, *M. V. Johnson, Francis Phillips, Sarah Miner.

No. 9. Delegates: President, Jennie Robbins; Past President, Maria Tanquary; *Charity Lingenfelter, Laura Post. Alternates: F. E. Atwood, *Kate Troxell.

No. 10. Delegates: Past Department President, *Clara W. Haral; President, *Rebecca Lewis; Past President, Ellen A. Scragg; *Florence Poole, *Martha Younge. Alternates: Julia Briker, C. A. Woodard.

No. 11. Delegates: President, Dora E. Carmen; Past President, Maria L. Wilson, Martha Coburn. Alternates: *Sarah Sloan.

No. 12. Delegates: President, *Kizzie M. Flint; Past President, Marian Mann; Past President, *Ellen Zeigler; *Emma Wonder, Sadie Gift, *Martha Cumings, Helen Eastman; *Josie A. Minnemyer. Alternates: Mary E. Beardsley, *H. R. Woodruff, Minnie Ballentyne, W. M. Page, Grace Garrett.

No. 13. Delegates: President, Inez T. Nelson; Past President, Emeline Thomas. Alternate: Lucinda Nourse.

No. 14. Delegates: President, F. A. Powell; Past President, *Agnes Moody; Past President, Harriet Reed; *E. Jackman, *O. Wells. Alternates: Blanch Patterson.

No. 15.—Delegates: President, *Eliza Torrance; Past President, *Mary Holtzman; *Malinda Hemstreet, *Bessie Jenkins, *Alice Miller. Alternates: Eliza Stimson, A. E. C. Williams, Cecile Hobbs.

No. 16.—Delegates: President, *Jennie Bross; *Amanda Thomas, *Jennie Johnson, *Mary Fletcher. Alternates: Lucy Hull, May Hitchcock, Lida Elerding.

No. 17.—President, *Mary J. Stadden; Past President, *Lucy Cornell; *Josephine Cleaveland, *Mary E. Hughes, *Hattie Manlose, *Julia Death, *Ella F. Nafew, *Mary Freeman. Alternates: Vina Swigert, Sophia Buck, America E. Worth, Alice Constant, Emma M. Patten.

No. 18.—President, *Lucy C. Beach; Past President, Letetia Burst, *Maria Briggs, *Minerva Peters. Alternates: Cora Holcomb, Fanny Blanchard.

No. 19.—Delegate: President, *Lottie P. Milchrist, *Mary A. Cahoun. Alternate: Emma M. Dorr.

No. 20.—Delegates: President, Sula Richmond; Past President, Mollie Machler; *Alma Hays. Alternate; Jennie Rose.

No. 21.—Delegates: President, Jennie Ludington; Carrie Doyle; Alternate: *H. M. Funk.

No. 22.—Delegates: President, Emma C. Beckley; Martha Butler. Alternates: Fannie Dike, *Cornelia Ellsworth.

No. 23.—Delegates: President, *Mary L. Vincent; *Mary Thiell, *Gertrude Neff. Alternates: Abbie King, Ruthella Lundy.

No. 24.—Delegates: President, *Marilla Ward; Past President, Hattie Collier; Laura LaFevre, Sadie Cole, Nancy Dungan. Alternates: Emma Simms, Lizzie Harkins, Emma Hardyshell.

No. 25.—Delegates: President, *Alice Goddard; Past President, Sarah E. Higgins Mrs. Knoph. Alternate: Mrs. Bowland.

No. 26.—Delegates: President, *Mary P. Gale; Sarah D. Green. Alternate: Libbie Halsey.

No. 27.—Delegates: President, M. J. Olcott; Past President, Mrs. McManus; Florence Allen. Alternate: E. F. Porter.

No. 28.—Delegates: President, Hattie Morgan; Past President, Laura McKeever; Past President, *Laura Clendenin; *Tilly Beatty, *Alice McCoy. Alternates: Maggie Zeigler, Blanch Parker.

No. 30.—Delegates: President, *Adelaide Blair; Past President, E. E. Tolbut; *Flora Peters. Alternate: M. P. Rulerson.

No. 31.—Delegates: President, Ann Brenn; Past President, *Nellie Taylor. Alternate: Tудie Massie.

No. 32.—Delegate: President, Fannie Hankinson.

No. 33.—Delegate: President, *Mary Jordan; Past President, Kate Knowlton.

No. 34.—Delegates: President, *Catharine Lemmer; Past President, *Carrie B. Karr; *Mrs. Updegraff, *Mrs. Griffith, *Mrs. Eyres. Alternates: Barbara Patrick, Maggie V. Collins, Tina R. Martin.

No. 35.—Delegates: President, *Carrie A. Briggs; Jennie Van

Hague, *Eliza Hatfield. Alternates: Emily Cobean, Lucy Kingman.

No. 36.—Delegates: President, *Mary Eldred; Julia Snyder, *May Germaine. Alternates: Olive Keepers, Harriet LaFevre.

No. 37.—Delegates: President, Emma Stevens; Past President, Lizzie Dumphy; Belle May. Alternates: Lucia Gilpin, B. F. Kilgore.

No. 38.—Delegates: President, Laura E. Cook; Past President, Viola Wood; Frances Acken. Alternates: Mrs. Power, *Adeline Lake.

No. 39.—Delegate: President, Sarah B. Martin.

No. 40.—Delegates: President, *Kate Hiatt; *M. Graham. Alternate: *Ellen McFarland.

No. 41.—Delegates: President, Experience Sayers; Past President, Mary A. Lisk. Alternate: Mary H. Snyder.

No. 42.—Delegates: President, Rhoda Dunham; Past President, *Kate N. Pickett; *Lizzie G. Baker, Hattie Mitchell. Alternates: Julia Gregg, *Tilda Pierce.

No. 43.—Delegates: President, *Hattie DeVeney; *Nellie King, Vinnie Sawyer. Alternates: Elizabeth Vanetta, *Elizabeth Johnson.

No. 44.—Delegates: President, *Carrie B. Taylor, Julia DeVore. Alternate: *Alma Chamberlain.

No. 45.—Delegates: President, *Jennie G. Harrison; *Gertie E. Lyle, Ella Parker. Alternates: Fannie VanHorn, Mary E. Roseborough.

No. 46.—Delegates: President, *Mary Brady; Past President, Lydia Pierce; Rhoda Jones, Fannie Dicken. Alternates: Sallie Barns, Addie Griffin.

No. 47.—Delegates: President, *Laura E. Distin; *Electa Finley, Helen F. Bristol, Hattie Bane. Alternates: *Eugenia Follensbee C. F. Fenton, E. E. Mikesell.

No. 48.—Delegates: President, Emma Stevens; Past President, Esther Kelley.

No. 49.—Delegates: President, *Mary R. McLellan, *Eva Robinson, Alternate: M. J. Potts.

No. 50.—Delegates: President, Florence Boden; Past President, Mary J. White, E. P. Simpson, Rhoda Anderson. Alternates: Mary Cress, Lulu Hand.

No. 51.—Delegate: President, Jennie D. Whisler.

No. 52.—Delegates: President, *Louisa Green, *Anna Patrick, Minerva Ryder. Alternate: Emily Stedman.

No. 53.—Delegates: President, Mary Leamon; Past President, Viola Parsons.

No. 54.—Delegates: President, Fene E. Collins, *Nellie Basset, *Nora Shahan. Alternates: Amanda Beggs, Emma Curtis.

No. 55.—Delegates: President, *Annie Detrich, *Mary F. Frazier, *Lida Bottom. Alternates: Nellie J. Tweed, Mary C. Allen.

No. 56.—Delegate: President, Rachel V. Nash.

No. 57.—Delegates: President, Etta Cline; Charlotte Thompson, Matilda Grayson. Alternates: Rosetta Gooch, Mary Bone.

No. 58.—Delegates: President: *Susie C. Davis; *Laura Joiner. Alternates: Jennie Coleman, Susan A. Gorham.

No. 59.—Delegates: President, Ida Tillman; Past President, Ella Gill, *Rebecca Dodge. Alternate: Mary Marble.

No. 60.—Delegates: President, M. A. Bryan; Past President, Mary Cassell.

No. 61.—Delegates: President, Emily J. Spaulding.

No. 62.—Delegates: President, Mattie Zinser; Past President, Susan C. Alphonso.

No. 63.—Delegate: President, Sarah A. Browning.

No. 64.—Delegates: President, *Inez J. Bender; *Flo Miller, *Lizzie Pinekard. Alternates: Ida Taylor, Mecie Tatman.

No. 65.—Delegates: President, *Artemesia Hall; Jane L. Craver. *Ellen Beckett. Alternates: Christine Bartells, *Flora Garrett.

No. 66.—Delegates: President, Sylvia Hemingway; Past President, *Marrilla Buck; Sarah Harris, Matilda Harris. Alternates: Mrs. McKee, Annie Stafford.

No. 67.—Delegates: President, May Robinson; Georgie Martin, Ellen Cobb. Alternates: Celia Crowell, Dollie Smith.

No. 68.—Delegates: President, *Ida Duntly; Past President, Fannie Younge; Maggie Hafle. Alternate: May Ball.

No. 69.—Delegates: President, *Martha Dolby; Past President, *Malta Humrichouser; Louisa Boeing. Alternate: Nettie Coffeen.

No. 70.—Delegates: President, Ann Randolph; Past President, Mary V. Riley; May Quinby, *R. J. Swigert. Alternates: Nellie Schultz, *Lizzie Carlton.

No. 71.—Delegates: President Amanda Martin; President Emma J. Rowell.

No. 72.—Delegates: President, Martha Wise; *Fannie Robinson. Alternate: Sadie Dinsmore.

No. 73.—Delegates: President, May J. Hutchinson; *Ida Wilmeroth, Grace Bloomer. Alternates: Lizzie Shelhamer, Nora Legars.

No. 74.—Delegates: President, May Armstrong; Past President, Levina Wilson.

No. 75.—Delegate: President, Elizabeth Mitchell; May Lansden. Alternate: Emma Crowder.

No. 76.—Delegates: President, *Sarah E. Wilkin; W. R. Jewell, J. M. Clark. Alternates: Kate Scearee, G. Dillon.

No. 77.—Delegates: President, *Mary McBride; Past President, Lou J. East; Ella Paul. Alternates: *E. Roseborough, Jennie Case.

No. 78.—Delegates: President, *Julia Hare; *Sue Mathews. Alternate: Lottie McFellin.

No. 79.—Delegates: President, Fannie Rogers; Maggie McEvay. Alternate: Sallie McIntyre.

No. 80.—Delegates: President, *Matilda Sickles; *Lena Gurler. Alternate: Ellen B. Conant.

No. 81.—Delegates: President, *Charlotte E. Newburn; Jane Stevens, *Marice Cluett. Alternates: *Mary B. Mount, Cordelia Henson.

No. 82.—Delegates: President, Martha Hender; *Elizabeth Chapman.

No. 83.—Delegates: President, *Amma B. Slater; Alice Hewitt. Alternate: Eliza DeWolf.

No. 84.—Delegates: President, Lizzie Summers; J. C. Snyder, E. Liband.

No. 85.—Delegates: President, Ada Selleck; *Margaret Buck. Alternate: Hannah Powers.

No. 87.—Delegates: President, Emma Elliot; Rachel Culbertson, Mary Bell, Nettie Mann. Alternates: Anna Moore, M. A. Snyder.

No. 88.—Delegates: President, S. C. Hannon; E. C. Ford. Alternate: Etta Nellis.

No. 89.—Delegates: President, *Addie Ide; *Marian Day. Alternate: Annie Brinkerhoff.

No. 90.—Delegate: President, *Orphie Atkinson, Alternate: Melvina Ross.

No. 91.—Delegates: President, *Lora Johnson; Past President, Harriet Scroggs; Allie Scroggs. Alternate: Ella Raymond.

No. 92.—Delegates: President, *Sophia Linscott; *Mary Felt, Mary Whitney. Alternates: Lizzie Newton, Emeline Aldrich.

No. 93.—Delegates: President, Mattie Green; Mattie Kell. Alternate: Hattie Hoover.

No. 94.—Delegate: President, *Mary Stone.

No. 95.—Delegate: President, *Alice Taylor.

The announcement was now made by Conductor that Maj. Row-

and, Superintendent of Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy, was waiting to be admitted. Motion by Mrs. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Bradford that business be suspended and Maj. Rowland admitted at once. Motion prevailed. Conductor then introduced Maj. Rowland, and conducted him to a seat upon the rostrum. On invitation of Department President, Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, the Major gave a talk regarding the Home, which was very interesting. He spoke of the work done by the W.R.C. in behalf of the veterans now in the Home; said "they were very grateful for the sympathy and interest manifested by the W.R.C. The influence of the Home was elevating. Some 200 of those now sheltered were taken from the poor houses, but after a short residence at the Home they became better physically, mentally and morally." The Maj. stated that all receipts from Corps not acknowledged was due to the sickness and disability of the former superintendent, Gen. Chas. E. Lippencott. Mrs. Sanders asked Maj. Rowland what articles were most desirable to send to the Home. He replied that he thought the ladies had made the very best selection. Books, rugs, etc., were especially desirable, emphasizing that books were always appropriate. There was, he said, quite a large number of books already there, the nucleus for a fine library. Many of these had been sent by the W. R. C. and were very gratefully received. Mrs. Sine asked whether the report was true that rugs, quilts, etc., sent by the Corps had been stored in the cellar and not used. The Maj. replied that the articles had been placed in the storehouse (not cellar) when first received until enough had been forwarded for distribution, but after enough had been received to begin the work of distributing it was done and the supplies had been distributed to the very best advantage possible. Rugs, needlebooks, etc., had been placed in the cottages for the use of the veterans. Quilts were used in the hospitals and everything had been turned over for the comfort of the veterans as was intended by the ladies when sending the supplies. The fact that they were still remembered and in a measure cared for by the loyal women, cheered them in their loneliness. The thought that the sacrifice they had made for their country, when in the prime of life and manhood, was still held in remembrance by the women of the state, was very pleasant to them now in their declining years.

The Guard now announced a committee in waiting with communication from G.A.R. Encampment. Conductors retired to hall and re-entered, escorting Comrades J. R. Baker, of Post No. 446 and W. A. Schmitd, of Post 96. After being conducted to the rostrum Comrade Schmitd read the following communication:

WHEREAS, The Woman's Relief Corps of this Department is now in session in the Senate Chamber, therefore

Resolved, That this Encampment send cordial greeting, and tender the ladies a vote of thanks for the grand work done by them for our needy comrades and their families.

The resolution was unanimously and most enthusiastically adopted and the undersigned were appointed as a committee to communicate the resolution to your honorable body.

J. R. BAKER, Post 446.

W. A. SCHMITD, Post 96.

GEO. R. STEELE, Post 141.

Comrade Baker delivered a short but eloquent address of cheer and encouragement. He said no feeling of doubt as to the influence and help of the W.R.C. existed in the Encampment; that although not mustered by companies and regiments, yet the tender hands and loving hearts of the women did fully as much as the comrades and the Encampment recognizes the W.R.C. not only as an auxiliary but as the only auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. Every comrade remembers with gratitude the letters of love and cheer, although bathed in tears, sent them by the women of the north.

The soldiers had left home and loved ones to meet treason and had killed it, and in that hard struggle the loyal women had aided them, and the comrades all love them for it. And in view of all these facts can you wonder that the resolution was unanimously adopted. The women scraping the lint and preparing the bandages and delicacies were doing their part toward putting down the rebellion and sustaining the grandest flag that ever floated on the breeze of heaven, and did it all without being asked, and he was glad to know that the W.R.C. does not ask "Was your father or husband a soldier?" but "Are you loyal to the Union?" The President thanked the comrades in the name of the Convention for their kind words. They were then escorted to the door by Conductors.

On motion of Mrs. Wilmeroth the communication from G.A.R.

Encampment was ordered spread upon the minutes.

Moved by Mrs. Ella Cobean, seconded by Margaret I. Sandes, that a committee be appointed to draft resolutions appropriate to be sent to the G.A.R. Encampment now in session in Legislative Hall. Motion prevailed.

The President appointed the following named ladies as committee: Mesdames Mary A. Bradley, Decatur; Mary P. Gale, Lacon; Mary J. Stadden, Springfield.

The report of Dept. Chaplain, Mrs. Bessie S. Townsend, was next in order. Motion by Mrs. Bradford, seconded by Mrs. Minnemyer, that Dept. Chaplain be excused from reading itemized report, and be allowed to read only recapitulation; motion prevailed. Recapitulation was read and report referred to committee on officer's reports.

A basket of beautiful flowers was presented from Mrs. Addie Ide, President of Mendell Corps. No. 89, Springfield, to Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, Department President, who received them with many thanks.

Committee appointed to draft resolutions to be presented to G.A.R. Encampment then reported through chairman the following, which on motion properly seconded was unanimously adopted:

SENATE CHAMBER.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DEPARTMENT CONVENTION, W.R.C. }

AUXILIARY TO G.A.R., SPRINGFIELD, ILL, FEB. 16, 1888. }

To the Comrades of the G.A.R.: Greeting.

On motion properly seconded and unanimously carried the sincere thanks of this convention are extended to Comrades Baker, Schmitd, and Steele, members of committee on resolutions and to every member of the Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, for the honor conferred by resolution upon the Department of Illinois, W.R.C., auxiliary to the G.A.R.

MARY A. BRADLEY,

MARY P. GALE,

MARY J. STADDEN.

It was then moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed to present the resolution to the Encampment, and that a copy be engrossed on our records. Motion prevailed. Mrs. Julia G. Sine, Mrs. Clara W. Harral and Mrs. Mary E. Hughes were appointed committee to visit Encampment and present communication.

The report of Mrs. Sue M. Simpson, Delegate-at-Large, to the National Convention was then read and referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.

REPORT OF DELEGATE-AT-LARGE TO NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Mrs. President, Officers and Members of Department of Illinois W.R.C.:

As your representative to the Fifth National Convention held in St. Louis, Mo., September, 1887, I have the honor to submit the following report, and in doing so I regret that I accomplished so little of what I hoped to do. I assure you I keenly felt the responsibilities of the position, and it was my earnest desire, and every effort given was to fill it with credit to myself and honor to the position which in your kindness you saw fit to bestow upon me a year ago. I will not consume time in rehearsing my delightful and interesting journey to St. Louis, but suffice it to say, ladies, I landed there all safe and sound, and found Illinois headquarters at the Lindell Hotel, and also my little cot waiting for me. The first one to greet me on my arrival was our worthy Department President who kindly gave me instructions where to register and get my supper. After which she took me by the arm, and we wandered through the rotunda, meeting many friends and a large number of delegates. I found that many of the states as well as Illinois had their headquarters at the Lindell and it was very pleasant for us to exchange friendly visits with each other and I must say we became quite good friends within four days.

You are all well aware that it has been charged to the ladies that we are given to boasting, and that charge may be true, and yet it also *is* true that we are not destitute of many things whereof we can rightly boast, for in no other country in the world is there such an organization as the Grand Army and in few countries could such a meeting as the one in St. Louis be allowed. But what would be considered a source of danger in some countries is really in this a source of strength, so, therefore, please pardon me for giving space to some of my thoughts on that first and memorable night at the National Convention.

I stood gazing on that vast and happy throng of Grand Army boys, and as comrades greeted each other, methought I could see them cast a look far back 27 years ago, recalling the dark days when they wore the blue and drank from the same canteen and tented on the old camp ground; they heard again the songs of the camp

and the echo of the bugle just as they did then; they saw marching and visions of home and wife and children, the battle and the dead. Oh! that never to be forgotten picture of old days of conflict.

And ladies, right there before my eyes were the same soldiers who in 1861 rallied to the defense of our endangered country, and they show us by meeting and keeping up their associations and comradeship that what they did in those dark days they are willing to repeat if necessary, though their heads are silvered and their forms become somewhat bent, but I could see that the old spirit was still alive and it made me feel proud of the old boys, proud of their past and proud of their present, for well I knew that each bayonet held by a Union soldier was a thinking bayonet, thought was behind it, and that thought was to crush the rebellion and preserve the Union, and ladies, now the

"Soldier can rest, and in honor rest,
Their truth and valor wearing,
The bravest are the tenderest,
The loving are the daring."

The great and beautiful city of St. Louis extended a greeting to all alike, from near and far, north and south, east and west. They welcomed the Grand Army of the Republic with open hands and hearts and doors. They seemed to want to impress us with their hospitality, so that when we went away we would carry and spread the fair fame of St. Louis. Her people had spared neither time nor money to make a grand display.

All were anxious to see the grand parade, but the muddy streets prevented the full display which had been intended, although the veterans turned out in large numbers. The stars and stripes were flying, houses and business places were decorated, and loyal hearts were thinking of the days when the drum beat, the bayonet's flash and the martial tread in this great city meant business.

The sight which was witnessed would have been one of the most gorgeous and brilliant ever seen in St. Louis if it had only been fine weather, but nevertheless every avenue resounded to the tramp of the thousands of battle scarred veterans, many of whom had passed in review before General Grant at the close of the war, and I tell you the Mound City looked as though it was an armed camp, for at

every street corner could be seen the Grand Army boys on the *qui vive*, anxiously waiting the command to move. Every ear was at the highest pitch of tension to catch the first sound of martial music and necks were craned to get a glimpse of the procession. The policemen pushed back the crowd on the sidewalk, there was a moment of expectancy, then came a platoon of mounted policemen followed by a band playing a lively air, and now in rapid succession the grand procession swept by through the heavy rain that was falling at the time. Civic organizations paid their tribute of respect to the Grand Army and the bands filled the air with music while the spectators gazed and applauded, too much interested to feel weary or realize that we were having our equinoctial storm. So ended the grand parade and now for business.

The Fifth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps convened at Harmonie Hall, St. Louis, September 28th, 1887, with a large number of delegates from all parts of the Union, Mrs. Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, National President. At the sound of the gavel all were quiet. Convention was opened with an appropriate prayer by Rev. Mary Garard, of Iowa, National Chaplain, and through the kindness of our Department President, Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, the Convention was favored with fine singing by the Illinois G.A.R. quartette of gentlemen which was highly appreciated by all present.

Harmonie Hall had festooned her quarters with beautiful designs. The red, white and blue ornamentations were very effective, and the hall looked brilliant and bright and each state had a place assigned for the delegates to sit, and decorated with different colored flags and each flag had a motto on it.

The galleries were filled with interested members of the W.R.C., who from the excellent order and strict attention given showed that they came there to gather all the knowledge they could, for I never saw as good order in so large an assembly, Mrs. Kinne, our National President, is as fine a presiding officer as I have ever seen wield the gavel. She had perfect command and was honored by all present with their closest attention. Mrs. Kate B. Sherwood, of Ohio, presented two resolutions, the first greeting to the Grand Army and pledge of continued allegiance, the second complimentary regrets to Mrs. John A. Logan for her inability to be present at the present

session. Mrs. Sherwood is a past National President of the W.R.C. and she is a woman remarkable for executive abilities and as called the soldier's favorite poet and is on the editorial staff of the *National Tribune*. Mrs. Florence Barker, the originator of the National W. R.C., and a past National President, is a lady of beautiful presence. I could go on and make mention of all the talent that surrounded Mrs. Kinne but time forbids.

Ladies of this Department, I would like to give you the National President's report *verbatim*. It was so grand, so instructive and had so many good points in it, I feel that each one of us should read it and profit by it, for the report of Mrs. Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinnie adds honor to the name of woman as well as to the W.R.C. Mrs. Sarah Nichols, Senior Vice-President, made a report that was short but to the point and showed that her heart was in the work. Rev. Mary Garard, National Chaplain, in her report said that so many of the reports came to her unfinished that she would only mention those that she regarded as most important, and among those was Illinois, in which she said the report of Mrs. Bessie Townsend, our own, dear and beloved Department Chaplain, was among the first received and had the seal of promptness. It contained a beautiful letter, also a tender tribute in memory of the lamented and much beloved General John A. Logan. Mrs. Elizabeth A. Turner, National Treasurer, made her report in pamphlet form, showing the year's work. She made some good recommendations and one was this: The quarter beginning January 1, 1888, the per capita tax be reduced* to one cent per member in Departments and five cents per member in subordinate Corps. Ladies, this recommendation of Mrs. Turner is a good one, I think, and the delegates from Bryner Corps, No. 12, received instructions to use their influence to have the per capita tax reduced and there will be a resolution before this convention for that purpose. Mrs. Turner's report shows that the total expenditures to July 1st, 1887, to be \$14,404.16, leaving a balance in the hands of the National Treasurer of \$11,190.36. I think it is well for the officers to get out their reports in pamphlet form, and give them to the delegates. It goes to show that they are not ashamed for their work to be seen and it strengthens confidence in those we elect to rule and govern this grand and thriving order of the Woman's Relief Corps. Last

year there were \$50,000 spent in charity. You can see by this the order is coming to the front and we must have faith in it, for faith in success is a guarantee of victory. The reports of all the officers were in fine shape showing that the year's work had been one of prosperity.

The most important question before the National Convention was the difficulties in Indiana. The convention appointed a committee, consisting of Mrs. E. Florence Barker, Kate B. Sherwood and Sarah A. C. Plummer, to meet with the memorial committee from Indiana, to discuss plans whereby the differences in the state might be adjusted. After several hours' discussion, propositions were presented by the Indiana committee representing the Indianapolis Division to the committee appointed by the Fifth National Convention and the propositions were accepted and the latter committee recommended their adoption by the National Convention. After a long discussion the report was adopted by 154 in favor to 48 opposed, thus giving the two divisions equal representation in National Convention and each Department President continuing in command of her department until the National President shall issue a call for a state convention which convention shall be held in the same city and time of the department encampment, G.A.R., and be presided over by a national officer or past national officer. I understand that Mrs. Kate B. Sherwood is the one appointed to take charge.

Last August I received a communication from Nellie G. Backus, National Secretary, informing me when to send my resolutions. Ladies there are changes that I should like to see made in our Rules and Regulations, but I was very cautious in what I asked for, hoping and trusting that asking for a little, I might be recognized. But the resolutions are placed into a committee's hands and are looked over and whatever suits this committee they bring before the convention. Now, in my estimation, that does not give each state a fair show. It is my opinion that every resolution that is sent to national headquarters should come before the National Convention and be voted on because it is the National Convention's property and there is the the place to dispose of it, and not the committee. It gives too much power into a committee's hands. It shows a weak point in the rulings of our order. Now, in regard to my resolutions, all I can say is

this: I went to the chairman of the committee and showed her a copy and asked her to bring them before the convention. I told her that I wished the convention to vote on them and if it was the voice of all present not to adopt them I would be satisfied, but, excuse the expression, please, I did want a show for Illinois' white alley. This order of the W.R.C. is young and we have many things yet to learn before we become perfect in our laws so therefore I have no words of censure for any one. I trust and hope to see the W.R.C. take the lead for it is a grand organization.

Commander-in-Chief Fairchild sent a committee to visit National Convention. "Sister Paulina" was one of the committee and he gave us words of encouragement.

J. M. Allen, of Richmond, Va., delivered an address and spoke of the difficulty in procuring flowers for the 100,000 graves of Union soldiers in and around Richmond on Memorial Day. A motion was carried unanimously that the National Convention furnish flowers for the 30th day of May,

"To cover the thousands who sleep far away,
Sleep where their friends cannot find them to-day;
They who in mountain and hill-side and dell,
Rest where they wearied and lie where they fell.
Softly the grass blades creep 'round their repose,
Sweetly above them the wild flower blows.
Zephyrs of freedom fly gently o'erhead,
Whispering prayer for the patriot dead.
So in our minds we'll name them once more,
So in our hearts we'll cover them o'er.
Roses and lilies and violets blue
Bloom in our souls for the brave and the true.
Cover them over, yes cover them ever,
Parent, husband, brother and lover.
Think of those far away heroes of ours,
And cover them over with beautiful flowers."

The election of officers passed off very quietly. Mrs. Emma S. Hampton was chosen on the first ballot, receiving 120 votes to 84 for Mrs. Sarah Nichols, of New York. Mrs. Hampton came forward and thanked the convention for the high honor bestowed upon her. She said it was wholly unexpected but none the less appreciated for in honoring her the convention had honored Detroit and Michigan. She was not vain enough to accept it altogether as a personal compli-

ment. She thought it was intended more as a compliment to the reputation which the workers of the Michigan Woman's Relief Corps have acquired abroad.

There are many other things of which I would like to give a full description. The grand concert given in our honor and the reception by the W.R.C. of Illinois, where Mrs. Harral, our past Department President, was the center of attraction; Mother Bickerdyke, the dear old lady whom the soldiers idolize. I had the pleasure of taking her by the hand and although so old she is still fair to look upon, hale and hearty and attends reunions in all parts of the country. The record of this woman's fame will live onward through time into eternity.

Ladies of the Department of Illinois W.R.C., I cannot close my report without asking this question: What can we do to help the old soldier most? We all well know that the war bullets have passed. Bravely, enduringly, victoriously has it been fought, and it is a shame to this country that one old soldier is in need or a soldier's family should suffer or be obliged to appeal for charity. It is only too true for the Grand Army encampment shows that they gave charity to over 26,000 comrades during the past year. I will tell you what I think we can do, we can help them to get a pension. It is a debt that we owe and I don't think there is a lady in this room who would repudiate an honest debt. The claim of the needy soldier is an honest debt for all we have to-day we are indebted to him, for if it had not been for his services in the hour of need there would be no nation. We must remember he offered his life to keep us a nation, and what more can a man do. Yes, ladies, it is true that the sword has been withdrawn, but the scars remain. They are seen on the brow of father and mother; they are seen on the broken hearts of disconsolate widows and they are traced in the tears of the orphans, and, ladies, I appeal to you in the names of the boys in blue, in the name of the departed heroes, in the name of all the blood that crimsoned the sunny south from the Potomac to the Mississippi, in the name of the orphans and widows and desolated homes, I ask the W.R.C. of Illinois, to be the first to come forward and show the Grand Army that we are their helpers in heart and action. Let us not rest until every old soldier's debt is paid. Let the W.R.C. of Illinois stand

on guard and be the first to make a move in this noble work and erect for ourselves a lasting monument by paying a debt that we honestly owe the 500,000 old soldiers. Did not Lincoln erect for himself a lasting monument when he liberated 3,000,000 human beings from slavery? Now, ladies, they say that woman to-day is the peer of man, that her influence has widened and strengthened, that she swings the scepter that touches every condition of human society, that she oils the rusty wheels of life and softens the rough pathways, that she cannot limit her influence; it, like the pebble flung into the lake, will roll its increasing circles until on the farthest shore they creep up to kiss the shining shells with gentle sighs of love. If woman has so much influence can we not send a committee of the W.R.C. from Illinois, the empire of the west, the garden of the world, to wait upon Congress, and use our influences in behalf of the soldiers that we so earnestly desire to benefit. I came to this convention, ladies, with a promise to soldiers at home and elsewhere to bring the matter before this grand body for your consideration. They seem to have confidence in our influence and let us show them that we have not forgotten the tremendous cost paid in tears and blood and broken hearts to give us the privileges we enjoy. Let us make an effort to help those who delivered us from the enemies' hands, crowned our armies with victory, our borders with peace, our nation with glory, so that the old flag is still its emblem of freedom to all who will tread American soil. Let us remind this country of the debt that she owes the soldier for they have not many years left to enjoy a pension if they should live to be quite aged, for, ladies

"They are passing away with the summer flowers,
With the autumn leaves and winter snows,
With every day and circling hour,
They are passing away to their last repose."

SUE M. SIMPSON, Delegate-at-Large.

Secretary then read the following resolution which had been sent to desk by Mrs. Kizzie M. Flint and Mrs. Sue M. Simpson:

WHEREAS, On account of the many new Corps organized, and the rapidly increasing membership of nearly all the Corps in this and other Departments, the amount paid as per capita tax into the National Treasury of the order shows a large amount of cash on hand, and,

WHEREAS, It is inexpedient to divert for this purpose from the funds of the several Corps more than may be necessary for the proper and efficient administration of the National and Department offices, therefore

Resolved, That the delegates from this Department to the National Convention are instructed to use their best efforts for the reduction of the per capita tax.

Moved by Mrs. Mary Eldred that resolution be adopted and Delegate-at-Large be instructed to bring the matter before the National Convention. Seconded and carried.

Conductors then introduced Commander-in-Chief of the G.A.R., Maj. John P. Rea, of Minnesota, Department Commander, Capt. A. C. Sweetser and staff, and other comrades. Department President gave them a cordial welcome, after which Commander Rea addressed the Convention in a very able and eloquent manner. He said as representative of that grand order, the Grand Army of the Republic, he esteemed it a pleasure to meet the Woman's Relief Corps in convention and most heartily endorsed the order and the work they had done, were now doing and purposed doing in the future. The comrades cherish some memories above all others, and it was also a matter of history that when the first storm of war shook the north it was women who made the first sacrifice. There was more armor buckled on than could be seen by the world, for every soldier who wore the blue in the rebellion had behind him some woman's heart and love which gave him the inspiration that urged him on to victory or death. While men were called upon to die, women were called upon to endure suspense tenfold more painful because there was no cessation. Though there was no surcease of sorrow or anxiety, even though heartstrings broke, the mother never called back her boy until his duty was done. It was not hard for the soldier to die amid the frenzy and roar of battle, with none but the angels looking on, but no tongue can tell how hard it was for the mother to sit for years waiting and watching alone, with the tide of war raging far away, waiting for the boy who never came. There were millions of mothers in whose bosoms were all the incarnate virtues, and whose hearts were filled with a limitless love, and not only in the home but in the hospital, on the field, wherever needed, the women of America were present to soothe and cheer and bless; and they now stand by

the brave old veterans who periled life in defense of the stars and stripes. He then told of his own mother's influence and loyalty, surpassing even her love for her boy. How in the early hour of the morning, while the moonbeams were yet stealing through his window he had been awakened by the soft touch of her hand on his forehead, and her kiss on his cheek, and how she there gave him up to the service of his country, even though her own heart was torn and bleeding over the great sacrifice, still she bade him go and defend the nation's flag and help to save it from dishonor. He congratulated the order on its rapid growth, thanked the Convention for the cordial welcome given him and took his seat amid great applause.

The President then introduced Department Commander, A. C. Sweetzer, as "the friend of the Woman's Relief Corps." He gave a brief address referring touchingly to the recent death of his mother, saying that now his mother was gone he had no woman to care for, his labor and love should be in the future, as in the past, for the W.R.C. The President requested Conductor to pin a W. R. C. badge on Department Commander, in token of the high appreciation of his efforts in behalf of the order during his administration.

Corporal Tanner, of New York, was next introduced by Commander Sweetzer, and gave one of his characteristic addresses. He said all visiting comrades felt a diffidence in coming before an audience of women. They seem to be troubled with palpitation of the heart. He was not surprised at a man who was addressing an assemblage of women being stirred to the depths of emotion, for women have been the inspiration of men in all ages and all times. The nations who elevated women were the only ones that prospered and came to the front. He takes with some allowance the Scriptural account of the creation of the first woman. He can hardly think woman only a "cutlet" of Adam. He said: "Of all the cowardly characters of which history gives us any account, old Adam is entitled to lead the procession. The old fellow would not have made a good soldier from 1861-5, he was too cowardly, as shown in his answer when confronted by the Almighty: 'The woman thou gavest me—' etc." He said his wife agreed with him, only she went a little further and repudiated the story of the temptation. Will accept it only on this condition, that, while admitting that "Eve fooled Adam,

it took the Devil to fool Eve." "Woman," he said, "presides at the cradle, guides our footsteps through childhood, soothes us in pain and clings to us even to the grave." He spoke of the lost opportunities of the men who went down amid shot and shell, but who can tell what women lost as they sat in the silence and awful agony of uncertainty. "How often the rifle shot on the Potomac as it pierced the heart of the lonely picket, broke the heart of the wife or mother at home, but the busy fingers went on picking lint and rolling the bandages, for although her husband or son, father, brother or lover was gone some other was left and needed her work."

The Corporal said the committee on pensions was before Congress with several bills, but one thing they were urging was the passage of a bill giving a pension to every widow whose husband wore the blue, whether he died during the war or since.

These addresses were responded to by the President in her usual effective manner, when the comrades departed, while the convention standing sang to the music of the piano, that grand old national air, "America." Convention then adjourned till 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention convened at 2:20 p. m.

Conductors report all present members of the order and the regular routine of business is taken up. The minutes of morning session read, and, after some corrections, are approved.

The following resolutions were then read by the Secretary:

Mrs. President, and Members of this Convention:

As much time is consumed in reading the reports of officers of the Department that is needed for important business, I would offer the following:

Resolved, That hereafter the Officers of this Department prepare and forward their respective reports to the Department President, or a committee appointed, at least ten days before Convention, and that a sufficient number be printed to supply each member of convention with a copy.

Signed,

LIZZIE HUBBARD.

Be it resolved, that there be a committee of not less than five ladies appointed by this convention, to wait upon Congress in behalf of the Senator Hoar bill of one cent a day now pending before that

body, to use their best influence to bring about a speedy passage of that bill.

Signed,

SUE M SIMPSON,

ELLA F. NAFEW.

Mrs. President, and Members of the Fifth Annual Convention now Assembled:

Believing that the highest benefit of charity is in the mental and moral impression made, and

WHEREAS, To accomplish the greatest amount of good, and to extend the usefulness and widen the possibilities of our order, be it

Resolved, That this convention recommend to the next National Convention a "Loan System" for the benefit of such comrades, or comrades' families, as may object to receiving charity.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIA L. DEATH,

Secretary Stephenson W.R.C., No. 17, Springfield, Ill.

The resolution presented by Mrs. Hubbard was unanimously adopted by Convention.

Those by Mesdames Simpson and Nafew, and also the one presented by Mrs. Death, were adopted and Delegate-at-Large instructed to present the matter to National Convention.

An open letter from the W.C.T.U. was next read by the Secretary. Motion by Mrs. D. A. Leaverton that the communication be received and placed on file, with a due appreciation of the work done by the W.C.T.U. in behalf of the soldiers and sailors. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton, Department Counselor, then presented the Department a picture of the late Mrs. Lois W. S. Holbrook, Past National I. and I. Officer, of Toledo, Ohio, who died Aug. 12, 1887. Mrs. Leaverton stated that since last we met in Department Convention the W.R.C. had been called upon to hold memorial service for our beloved Department organizer, Mrs. Lois W. S. Holbrook, she having instituted Department of Illinois W.R.C., auxiliary to the G.A.R., Jan. 30, 1887, with only five Corps and only 17 delegates, but now the Department has 100 Corps and are entitled to 300 delegates. She felt that the ladies of this Department would like to see the face of the one that had started us out on this mission of charity; that she for one would never forget her kind and pleasant face nor encouraging words, closing with the request that the picture be placed at the President's station at each Department Convention, that our ladies may become more familiar with the face of our Department organizer.

Mrs. Sanders, Department President, said: "Ladies, Mrs. Leaverton is always doing something nice. Last year at Department Convention she presented this department with a gavel made from a part of the Andersonville prison stockade. She has been President of Corps No. 5 for four years and has never been absent but twice during that time and then to attend conventions. One of her members Mrs. Freeman, Past Department Senior-Vice President, has memorized the entire installation service, thus making her a valuable assistant as installing officer." The convention extended a vote of thanks to Mrs. Leaverton for the picture.

Secretary then read a communication from some members of S. N. Sanders Corps, No. 54, appealing from the decision of Department Council to the convention. Motion by Mrs. Bradford, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, that the appeal be laid on the table. After an expression of opinion by different members of convention the motion was put to a vote, resulting in 104 in affirmative and 32 in negative.

Motion by Mrs. Bender, seconded by Mrs. Minnemyer, that a vote of thanks be tendered Mrs. Armilla A. Cheney, National Secretary, for her presence during convention, her help and encouragement and for her kindness in rendering decisions referred to her. Motion prevailed unanimously.

Mrs. Cheney responded, thanking the convention for the kind reception given her and took her departure while Mrs. Mary P. Gale sent forth from the piano, the notes of that dear old song, "Home Sweet Home." She was accompanied to the door by Conductor and, to her carriage by assistant Conductor.

Mrs. Julia G. Sine read a very entertaining report of "Penny Fund" showing the number of pennies on hand to be 4055. Moved and seconded that report be accepted and placed on file. Motion prevailed.

Report of committee on Soldier's Home being quite lengthy and time limited, on motion properly seconded it was placed in the hands of committee and ordered printed in records.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOME.

Mrs. President and Members of this Convention:

Your committee on Soldiers' and Sailors' Home beg leave to make the following report: By invitation of trustees, April 2, accompan-

ied by our honored President, we visited the Home at Quincy. Upon our arrival we were conveyed to the residence of the Superintendent, the late Gen. Lippencott, that gallant soldier and honored citizen who has since our visit answered the last bugle call and gone to join that grand army beyond. While at his residence the General showed us every courtesy and from him we gained much valuable information concerning the needs of the Home. The Home, as you are all aware, is composed of one large or main building, a kitchen and eight (8) cottages. Our first inspection was that of the kitchen. It is a large room, 40x60, conveniently arranged. The cooking is mostly done by steam except pies and bread, which are cooked by ordinary cook stoves or ranges; a description of the process in detail would be too long for your patience. In this building is a room where the clothing furnished by the state is kept, also a store room where we find vegetables in cans, groceries and canned fruit, also a laundry which was not complete at this time. There is a tunnel $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile in length connecting the cottages with the kitchen. This tunnel is about six feet high and six feet wide; it has a steam pipe for heating all the buildings and a return pipe for the condensed steam to be reheated, also a sewer pipe. There is also room for gas pipes to furnish light wherever needed. The gas lights are furnished by the city of Quincy. The top of the tunnel is covered with nicely cut flag stone seven feet wide. It makes a fine walk for four persons abreast all around the circle. On this walk are trundled the food carts that furnish the various cottages. The cottages are well arranged each one containing five rooms, all light, airy and comfortable but plainly furnished. The rooms are 12x14 feet and contain six cots each, supplied with mattresses, blankets, sheets and one pillow and white counterpane, making very comfortable beds. We found their cottages cleanly kept. They are all built of brick two stories high; each cottage has a large hall where the comrades can sit and amuse themselves as best suits them. Porches all around the lower part of building; up stairs, a small porch in front. One cottage at this time was used for a hospital until an appropriation could be made by the state to build one, which since has been done. Another one was used for a dining room for the accommodation of those who were too feeble to walk to the main building or dining-

room for their meals. From the cottages we proceeded to the hospital. Here we found six inmates, three with consumption, one with fever, one with a wound, received while in service, and another from a cancer; the latter being a peculiar case. While in the army he ran a shiver in his face under the right eye. It was taken out and no trouble resulted from it for months. Finally a little pimple made its appearance and from it came the cancer. This cancer now nearly covers his whole face. He is a great sufferer; his constant cry is for his wife. Although he receives the best of care he seems to think his wife would care for him much better. Those confined in hospital (and many others) had been taken from the alms houses and brought here to receive such care and attention as the Home could afford. Many others that were unable to work were sitting outside in the sun. Among them were two aged veterans. We approached them and shook their hands, congratulating them on their nice home and its surroundings. They replied, "Yes; it is much better than we ever expected to have." They inquired if we were the ladies that had come to see what was needed for the comfort of those in the Home. When told we were they said with tears running down their cheeks, "On your return tell the ladies, 'God bless them' We trust that none of theirs will ever be placed where we have been,"—(meaning the poor house.) Our hearts were too full for reply further than a gentle pressure of the hand. Many may think that in General Orders No. 3, too much was required. But if you ladies could have been with us and seen the maimed, the blind, and diseased ones that circumstances compelled to make this their home, you would all say that we will do our share towards making these poor fellows' last days as pleasant and cheerful as we can, as we have no doubt they did their country good service and spent their best days in defending our beloved flag. From the hospital we were escorted to the main building. There we found the trustees' room, which is a very pleasant room; secretary's room; a large room for religious service or any other gathering; library, which is a pleasant room, but needs many things to make it more attractive; an amusement room used for all kinds of games. We were conducted to top of main building and from this place a splendid view of the surroundings can be seen. The grounds contain 140 acres. The water supply is from a living spring. Returning again

to trustees' room a general talk was had as to what was most needed to make the home a Home indeed, and the result of this conference you have been apprised of in General Orders. While the committee did not assure the trustees that each corps would do all that had been talked of, but knowing the good hearts of the women of Illinois in times of war, felt assured that the call would not be in vain. Since our visit we have received reports from the superintendent of the Home also from adjutant which read as follows: I will first read superintendent's report:

This statement is based on what I have thought to be the kind of information which the Relief Corps might consider most useful, and I have added some other, touching the condition and progress made since your visit here. Since the Home was opened, April 1st last 664 applicants have been admitted and the number now on the rolls is 578; of these 508 are present, 48 in the new hospital recently occupied and 460 in the 12 cottages, now in use; four of these latter are new buildings. There have been over 200 men in temporary quarters for some time past waiting the completion of cottages and now that these are occupied (the removal being made only yesterday, Feb. 1st) our members are quite comfortably situated. The new hospital is well arranged and the wards convenient and well designed for the use of the sick. The ventilation is good and the sun reaches, sometime during the day every room occupied by patients.

The capacity is now 75 beds, but that can be increased if necessary and the building is so constructed that additions can readily be made if future needs demand more room. The members of the Home are well provided with suitable clothing, their beds and bedding are of good quality and their wants in every respect are well supplied. I think it can be confidently stated that the members of the Home are generally well contented with the care they receive and that most of them rapidly improve after coming here. This improvement is manifest not only in their physical condition, but in their social and moral conditions. Many of them come to us after years of neglect, and broken down by poverty and sickness. Nutritious food, warm clothing, good beds, the cleanliness, the order and neatness demanded, all tend to restore these men to comparative health, while the companionship of old comrades, and the example of the many good and steady men here builds up in them a happier social and improved moral tone.

I am pleased to state that probably nine-tenths of our members have never given any cause for complaint.

Religious services are held every Sunday afternoon and a prayer-meeting, organized by the men, meets every Thursday evening. Dur-

ing other evenings, frequent lectures and other entertainments are given. An amusement room with billiard tables is in use and furnishes a recreation which our members much enjoy. We have a good library started, and as the Woman's Relief Corps have furnished many of our books the subject is one of special interest. There are now in the library 1250 volumes and a large assortment of magazines and papers. It is the nucleus of a valuable collection and we are receiving accessions to it frequently. There is also a reading room and a number of newspapers are on file and in constant use. Since the opening of the Home the various Relief Corps organizations throughout the state have sent in donations of valuable articles and in each instance which came to my knowledge due acknowledgement to the donors has been made. During the illness of my predecessor, the lamented Gen. Lippencott, which so much interfered with his official work, it is probable that a receipt for these supplies was not always sent, but I have no doubt that all came duly to hand and those who forwarded them can feel sure that everything was used to the best advantage. It is best to endorse name and address of sender in each package. Concerning the contributions of the Corps I wish to say that they have been highly appreciated, not only for their intrinsic value and that they supplied wants not readily otherwise met, but because they showed that kindly interest and thoughtful consideration for the veterans of the Home which gave them the greatest satisfaction. To know that though they are poor and helpless they are not forgotten is a great comfort to them and they realize that the Relief Corps of to-day is a most worthy successor to that noble band of women which ministered to the wants of the Union Soldier, in camp and hospital, during the trying time of the war. I am sometimes asked the question by the ladies, "What can we send you that you most need?" This is not easily answered because the state supplies everything that the necessities of the veterans demand and many things besides tending to their comfort and contentment. If, however, a list were to be made out I would suggest the following: Rugs, rolls of matting and carpet floor-mats, cushioned and easy chairs, pictures, paintings, books, parlor games, lotto, backgammon, chess, checkers, delicacies for hospital, jellies, canned fruits, magazines for reading room, cases for needles, thread and buttons, bandages, memoranda books, picture papers. I am ambitious enough to hope that some day in the future the Home may have an art gallery and a museum, and in time secure collections in these departments that would make them very interesting and valuable. May I respectfully suggest that if the various Corps through the state would co-operate in this work the result would be very gratifying. Portraits, busts, statuettes of distinguished Americans, military and civil, especially Illinoisans, pictures

and paintings illustrating scenes and incidents of the war and American history generally, and any good engraving or painting would be desirable. Then again a museum of war relics and curiosities might be gradually collected which would be of great interest to the members of the Home and public generally. In almost every village someone has preserved a relic of the war and these are fast being lost sight of and their history forgotten as time passes on. If collected and properly labeled and described and safely deposited in such a museum it would be of great value. In conclusion I wish to express my hearty thanks to the Relief Corps for their work and in behalf of the veterans of the Home to say that the many kindnesses received at the hands of the ladies with whom you are associated are duly appreciated. I am very respectfully yours in F., C. & L.

J. G. ROWLAND, Supt. of Home.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT, ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1887.—NO. PRESENT.

Superintendent.....	1
Secretary.....	1
Adjutant.....	
Quartermaster.....	
Commissary.....	1
Surgeon.....	1
Non-Commissioned officers.....	28
Members for duty.....	241
Members on extra duty with pay.....	69
Members sick.....	137

Total number commissioned officers....	4
“ No. non “ “	28
“ “ members	447

ABSENT.

Non commissioned officers, with leave.....	1
Members with leave.....	62
Members without leave.....	7

Total non-commissioned officers....	1
“ members	69

PRESENT AND ABSENT.

Commissioned officers.....	4
Non-commissioned officers.....	29
Members	516

Aggregate....549

APPLICATIONS

For admission.....	1187
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ADMISSIONS.

Fully admitted.....	630
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Re-admitted.....	4
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Total.....	634
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LOSS.

By discharge at own request.....	28
“ dishonorable discharge.....	14
“ discharge for other causes.....	23
“ death.....	24

Total.....	89
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CIVILIANS EMPLOYED.

Chaplain.....	1
Clerk, Adjutant's.....	1
Clerk, Quartermaster's.....	1
Engineer, chief.....	1
“ Assistant.....	1
Farmer.....	1
Firemen.....	3
Florist.....	1
Storekeeper.....	1
Teamster.....	1

Total.....	12
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AVERAGES SINCE OPENING, MARCH 3, 1887.

Average present.....	222
“ absent.....	48
“ present and absent.....	379
“ temporarily at Post.....	31½
“ sick, including totally disabled.....	84
“ admissions per day.....	2

WHAT WAR SERVED IN.

Mexican.....	9
“ and Civil.....	15
Civil.....	606

Total.....	630
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WHAT SERVICE.

Regular army.....	14
“ and volunteer army.....	597
Navy.....	19

Total.....	630
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DISABILITIES.

Loss of arm.....	7
“ “ one leg.....	9
Other wounds.....	75
Blindness.....	11
Diarrhœa.....	47
Epilpsey.....	6

Hernia.....	39
Lungs.....	31
Paralysis.....	27
Sun stroke.....	17
Rheumatism.....	149
Varicose veins.....	14
Other diseases...	198

Total.....630

STATES IN WHICH ENLISTED.

Arkansas.....	2
California.....	2
Connecticut.....	1
Indiana.....	21
Illinois.....	454
Iowa.....	16
Kansas	2
Kentucky.....	11
Louisiana.....	4
Maryland.....	3
Massachusetts.....	5
Michigan.....	3
Minnesota.....	1
Mississippi.....	2
Missouri.....	34
New Hampshire.....	1
New York.....	15
Ohio.....	22
Pennsylvania.....	19
Tennessee.....	2
Vermont.....	1
West Virginia.....	2
Wisconsin.....	7

Total.....630

NATIVITY.

Native born	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	324
Foreign born	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	306

Total.....630

AGES.

Between 35 and 40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
“ 40 “ 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60
“ 45 “ 50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
“ 50 “ 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	107
“ 55 “ 60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	118
“ 60 “ 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	111
“ 65 “ 70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74
“ 70 “ 75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
“ 75 “ 80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15

"	80	"	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
"	85	"	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

											Total	630
Average age	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58

PENSIONERS.

19 at \$2 00 per month	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 38 00
2 " 3 00 " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6 00
23 " 4 00 " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	92 00
21 " 6 00 " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	126 00
32 " 8 00 " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	256 00
1 " 9 00 " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9 00
8 " 10 00 " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80 00
1 " 11 25 " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11 25
9 " 12 00 " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	108 00
1 " 13 00 " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13 00
2 " 14 00 " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28 00
6 " 16 00 " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	96 00
1 " 18 00 " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18 00
6 " 24 00 " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	144 00
1 " 30 00 " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30 00

Total \$1055 25

133 pensioners receiving an aggregate of \$793 per month.

86 COUNTIES HAVE ADMISSION.

Cook county	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60
Adams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59
Sangamon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
The balance range from 1 to 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	469
Non residents of the state	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12

Total 630

Ladies, we have come hence from the Soldiers' Home more enthusiastic in the work for the soldier than we have ever been before. Let us finish this short sketch with the words of Mr. Lincoln, the martyred President, in his second inaugural: "With malice to ward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

All of which is respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.

JULIA G. SINE,
SARAH M. BRADFORD,
GEORGIA BERRY.

The following bills were then presented, allowed and ordered paid:

Expenses of Mrs. Simpson, Delegate at Large to Nat'l Con...	\$20 00
Mrs. Clara Harral, traveling expenses to Dept. Convention...	2 14
" Lizzie Hubbard, " " " " " ...	2 14
" Marilla Ward, " " " " " ...	1 50
" Mary Holtzman, " " " " " ...	2 00
" Ella Cobean, telegrams to Mrs. Logan and Wis. W.R.C..	1 45

Moved by Mrs. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Steele, that \$20 be set aside to purchase badge for retiring President. Motion prevailed unanimously.

Miss Jennie Bross, chairman of committee on officer's reports then read the report of committee, which on motion of Mrs. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Mark, was accepted and ordered spread upon the minutes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Mrs. President, and Members of the Fifth Department Convention, Assembled in Springfield, at the State House, February 15th and 16th, 1888:

We, the Committee on the Reports of Officers of the Fifth Department Convention, have the honor to recommend to your favorable consideration the following reports, in the order in which they were read, to-wit:

The address of the Department President, Mrs. Sue A. Sanders was a most lucid, able and exhaustive digest of the workings of this Department in all its branches during the year ending February, 1888. It showed a steady and healthy growth in membership of and interest in our loved order, and we heartily call your attention for approval of her recommendations, as a whole, believing they are—as they were written—for the best good of the order. We wish to call especial attention to the faithfulness with which she has performed all the duties appertaining to her office, and the impartial manner in which she has enforced strict observance of the Rules and Regulations, ever guided by a wish to advance the true interests of our order regardless of self.

The report of Senior Vice-President Mrs. Sallie J. Steele showed that her office was not a sinecure but that there had been hard work for her to do and that she had faithfully performed it. Her refer-

ence to the memory of Mrs. Lois Holbrook called to mind the fact that this convention should voice in some suitable manner a tribute of respect to her memory and we respectfully recommend that a committee be appointed and a page be set apart for that purpose in the journal of this convention. This report also recommends some action upon the establishment of a Veteran Woman's Home,

The report of Junior Vice-President Mrs. Margaret I. Sandes showed that there had been much valuable work accomplished under her untiring and personal supervision and that the work in her vicinity is steadily rising out from under the sad cloud which has so long overshadowed it.

Your attention is respectfully called to the untiring zeal with which the Department Secretary, Mrs. Ella Cobeau, has performed her arduous duties and which shows what a ready and faithful assistant she has ever been to the Department President.

The concise statement and abstract of Department Treasurer Miss Ada Carlton shows clearly that where there is a will there follows a way and that she has ever been faithful to the trust reposed in her. She turns over to the Department a well balanced sheet.

The report of Department Instituting and Installing officer Mrs. Lida A. Oldroyd was replete with the growth of the order and shows that it is all important that this position should only be entrusted to one who fully understands its responsible duties.

We take great pleasure in recommending to your especial attention and consideration the recommendations contained in the report of Department Inspector Sarah M. Bradford. That it is a very responsible position is clearly shown from the statistics her report contained. It is a position which carries great possibilities with it—next to that of the President—for she not only inspects but instructs for the coming year and her lessons emanate in direct line of succession from the National to the Department and thence to the respective Corps.

The report of Department Counselor Mrs. Delilah Leaverton well defines the duties which the name indicates. This position is almost the power behind the throne. Where the President can safely repose in the good judgment of one who so thoroughly understands the Rules and Regulations of our order, she can feel that many of

the responsibilities are shared with her. The decisions contained were based not only upon the good sense of the officer but well backed by the decision of our manual of authority, Beath's Blue Book. It showed that she had never shirked a responsibility and we recommend her opinions as just and equitable.

The report of Department Chaplain, Mrs. Bessie Townsend, was a touching and beautiful tribute rendered by each Corps to the fallen heroes who sleep their "long last sleep" in the many cemeteries of the great state of Illinois, not forgetting the illustrious and lamented Gen. John A. Logan, whose remains will ere long repose within our own borders where it will be possible for every loyal woman of the W.R.C. to pay homage to the heroic dead.

The report of the Delegate-at-Large was like a glass of cold water to the parched lips, and it sparkled with wit and humor to the last, was interesting and instructive and wound up with a very pathetic and sensible appeal concerning pension service which we think would be well for this to be discussed to know the feeling of this convention and bring if possible to a favorable termination. In conclusion we would express our pleasure in being on the committee to report upon such able and instructive reports one and all and would respectfully recommend that they be printed in full for the further edification of the members of this convention and all members of the W.R.C.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1.—Let not the demands of society interfere with the perfect transaction of business.

2.—Consult Department Headquarters and Department Commander in all cases which demand thorough investigation for just settlement.

3.—Let all decisions be well studied before rendered.

4.—Continually and faithfully urge upon Posts organizing auxiliaries, to select for charter members the best and most influential ladies in their midst to assure success of Corps.

5.—Post yourself thoroughly as to requirements, both as to the business and social qualifications of an instituting officer and then emphatically decide who shall inspect and install a new Corps.

6.—Appoint just as few inspectors as possible and be sure they

are perfect in the work according to latest instructions before they start out on their mission.

7.—That an appropriate badge be prepared for next National Convention which shall do honor to the state of Illinois.

8.—That the *National Vidette* be made the official organ of our state.

9.—That by-laws be written, adopted and presented to National Headquarters, which shall make it compulsory for all Corps having troubles which demand expense for investigation to pay the amount of the same.

10.—That the amount of \$1 be charged by Department for every dispensation granted.

JENNIE BROSS, Chairman.

ELIZA TORRANCE, .

JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND.

On motion business was suspended to admit Comrades January and Cantwell.

These comrades were welcomed by Department President. Comrade January then addressed the Convention, thanking them for the cordial reception given him, giving some incidents connected with his life in rebel prisons, telling of the amputation of his feet with a broken jack knife while in prison, at Florence, South Carolina, and exhibiting the knife. Comrade Cantwell was called upon for a song and rendered "Lay me down, but save the flag," in his own inimitable style. These comrades took their leave while the Convention, standing, sang "Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching." It was then moved and seconded that the regular order of business be suspended and Convention proceed to election of officers. Motion prevailed. Mrs. Simpson moved that informal ballot be taken for President, seconded by Mrs. Minnemyer, and carried. The President then appointed Mrs. Myers, of Bloomington; Mrs. Zeigler, of Peoria; and Mrs. Marilla Ward, of Gibson City, as tellers. Roll call showed 150 present who were entitled to vote. Conductors distributed ballots. Guard announced a committee from Grand Army in waiting; voted to admit them. Conductors then introduced Comrades Langley, of Champaign; O'Donnell, of Peoria; and McDowell, of Pontiac, and escorted them to the platform. Comrade Langley then extended a very cordial invitation to the W.R.C. to attend a camp

fire, to be given in the evening by the Grand Army of the Republic, in Legislative hall. Moved and seconded that the invitation be accepted with thanks. Carried. The committee took leave while convention stood singing "Rally 'Round the Flag."

The report of tellers on informal ballot for Department President was as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 150; Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, 55; Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, 46; Mrs. Margaret I. Sandes, 32; Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton, 7; Mrs. Sue M. Simpson, 5; Mrs. Sallie J. Steele, 2; Mrs. Mary A. Bradley, 2; blank, 1.

Mrs. Sanders declined to be a candidate for re-election, expressing herself as fully repaid for her labor, by the courtesies extended to her by her associates during her administration, their kind, gentle obedience to the demands of the gavel during the convention, believing that if in the office there were honors all should share, if any burdens all should bear. The three receiving next highest number of votes were declared candidates for the office of Department President, viz.: Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, Mrs. Margaret I. Sandes and Mrs. D. A. Leaverton. Regular ballot was then taken for Dept. President. Mrs. Julia G. Sine moved that we adjourn till to-morrow. Seconded by Mrs. Minnemyer. Mrs. Leaverton moved an amendment, that we stay until we finish our election. Seconded and motion as amended prevailed. Result of ballot for Department President was now announced by tellers: Bradford, 96; Sandes, 46; Leaverton, 7; blank, 1. Total, 150. Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford was then declared elected Department President for the ensuing year. Moved by Mrs. Sandes, seconded by Mrs. Leaverton, that ballot be declared unanimous; carried, and ballot so declared.

The following ladies were then put in nomination for Senior Vice-President: Mesdames Linscott, Leaverton and Stahl, and nominations declared closed. Ballot was taken and tellers reported as follows: Leaverton, 56; Stahl, 50; Linscott, 20; blank 7. Mesdames Linscott and Stahl withdrew in favor of Mrs. Leaverton. Miss Cleveland moved that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the convention for Mrs. D. A. Leaverton for Senior Vice-President. Seconded and motion prevailed, and secretary was instructed to do so. Nominations for Junior Vice-President were next in order and the following ladies were nominated: Mrs. Sophia A. Linscott, of

Chicago; Mrs. Orphia Wells, of Chicago; Mrs. Sarah Browning, Robinson. Ballot being taken tellers reported as follows: Wells, 61; Browning 31; Linseott, 27; blank, 1. Mrs. Orphia Wells was declared elected Junior Vice-President for ensuing year, which announcement was received with applause.

The nominations for Department Treasurer were Miss Ada Carlton of Bloomington, and Mrs. Mary A. Bradley, of Decatur. The result of the ballot showed Miss Carlton had received 76 votes and Mrs. Bradley, 21. Motion by Mrs. Bradley that vote be declared unanimous, seconded and carried, and ballot so declared. Mrs. Ellen Zeigler was then nominated for Department Chaplain. On motion of Mrs. Sandes properly seconded the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote of convention for Mrs. Zeigler for Department Chaplain; motion prevailed. The Secretary was so instructed and Mrs. Zeigler declared Chaplain for the ensuing year.

Nominations were next in order for members of Executive Board and the following were made: Mesdames Holtzman, Harral, Hubbard, Ward, Sine, Sandes, Cobean, and Miss Lindsay. Mrs. Cobean declined. Ballot gave the following result: Harral, 78; Sine, 70; Hubbard, 65; Sandes, 58; Lindsay, 53; Holtzman, 43; Ward, 41. As but five members were to be elected the five candidates receiving the highest number of votes were declared elected, as follows: Harral, Sine, Hubbard, Sandes and Lindsay. For Delegate-at-Large Mesdames Stadden, Cobean, Andersen, Distin and Wilmeroth were nominated. The ballot as reported by tellers resulted as follows: Stadden, 45; Cobean, 19; Distin, 7; Andersen, 2; Wilmeroth, 2. The President then declared Mrs. Mary J. Stadden, of Springfield, Delegate-at-Large, and Mrs. Ella Cobean, of Delavan, Alternate to National Convention at Columbus, Ohio, Sept., 1888.

The following ladies were placed in nomination for delegates to National convention: Mesdames Humrichouser, Spaulding, Kyle, Minnemyer, Rowley, Briggs, Distin, Moody, Gale, Simpson, Clendenin, Morgan, Hughes and Misses Anderson and Bross. The Department being entitled to six delegates and the same number of alternates, it was decided that the six candidates receiving the highest number of votes be declared delegates, the next six, alternates. Ballot was then taken. While awaiting the report of tellers, the Presi-

dent appointed Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton, Palestine, Mrs. Sallie J. Steele, Decatur, and Mrs. Julia G. Sine, Rockford, a committee to prepare a memorial page to be inserted in proceedings of convention as a tribute to the memory of Mrs. Lois W. S. Holbrook, Past National I. and I. officer, of Toledo, Ohio. Also Mrs. Sade Rowley, Bloomington, Carrie A. Briggs, Delavan and E. Frank Nafew, Springfield, a committee to draft resolutions of condolence and sympathy with Commander A. C. Sweetser on the death of his mother.

Tellers reported result of ballot for delegates to national convention: Humrichouser, 17; Spalding, 21; Hughes, 28; Rowley, 34; Minnemyer, 30; Kyle, 37; Distin, 32; Moody, 29; Briggs, 13; Bross, 25; Gale, 40; Simpson, 27; Clendenin, 20; Morgan, 27; Anderson, 9.

The following were declared delegates to national convention: Mesdames Mary P. Gale, Lacon; Minnie Kyle, Chicago; Sade Rowley, Bloomington; Laura E. Distin, Quincy; Josie A. Minnemyer, Peoria; Agnes Moody, Chicago.

The following are the alternates: Mesdames Mary E. Hughes, Springfield; Sue M. Simpson, Peoria; Anna Morgan, Monmouth; Miss Jennie Bross, Morris; Sophia Spaulding, Rockford; Mattie Humrichouser, Homer.

Moved by Mrs. D. A. Leaverton, seconded by Mrs. Julia Sine that the proceedings of this convention be printed; that all general orders issued by Department President the past year be included in the minutes; that they hereafter be printed with proceedings; that one copy of proceedings be sent each Corps, and others be allowed them on payment of sum to be fixed by the council. Motion prevailed unanimously. Moved by Miss Cleveland that one thousand (1000) copies be ordered printed. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Mrs. Simpson that hotel bill of Mrs. Armilla A. Cheney, National Secretary W.R.C. be paid Department, and prevailed unanimously.

Miss Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, stated there were some two hundred (200) copies of the proceedings of the 1st, 2d and 3d Conventions on hand and asked what disposition should be made of them. Ordered sent to Corps desiring them on payment of proper postage. Moved and seconded that expenses of Conductor, Assistant Conductor, Guard and Assistant Secretary while at Convention be

IN MEMORIAM.

Lois. W. S. Holbrook,

Past National I. and I. Officer,

AND

Organizer Department of Illinois W. R. C.,

AUXILIARY TO G. A. R.,

DIED AT HER HOME IN TOLEDO, OHIO,
AUGUST 12, 1887.

She early identified herself with the W. R. C. and proved herself to be a true friend of the soldier and an earnest worker in the interests of the G. A. R. She was a woman of many accomplishments, having received her education at Hiram College, Gen. Garfield's school, and was noted for the excellence of all her work.

"Though thy form from us depart
Forever from our mortal eye,
We hold thee in our inmost heart;
There, there at least, thou canst not die."

paid. Motion prevailed.

Convention then adjourned to meet at 9 a. m., Friday.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Convention was called to order by Department President, Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, at 9:25. This session showed many vacant chairs, delegates having left for home the previous evening and on the early morning trains.

Mrs. Briggs, of Delavan, was appointed Guard.

Records of previous session read, and after some corrections, approved.

Telegram from Department of Wisconsin W.R.C. read by Secretary, and on motion properly seconded was ordered spread upon the records.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 16, 1888.

Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, Department President W.R.C.:—Wisconsin returns fraternal greetings to Illinois, with many wishes that their Convention may be a profitable one. Signed,

GERTIE ROGERS, Department President.

A resolution offered by Mrs. Julia G. Sine was read by Mrs. Mary P. Gale, and on motion by Mrs. Steele, seconded by Mrs. Mark, was referred to Committee on Resolutions to be read with their report.

Mrs. Mary A. Bradley, Chairman of Committee on Resolutions, then read the following report:

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Feb. 17, 1888.

Mrs. President, and Members of the Fifth Annual Department Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the G.A.R.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, have the honor to submit the following:

WHEREAS, The membership in this order is rapidly increasing, and believing large bodies to be unwieldly, be it hereby

Resolved, That at our next annual convention the basis of representation shall be one delegate to every thirty (30) members, and one delegate to each fraction of one half or over that number, provided that each Corps organized before January 1, 1889, be allowed one delegate,

Resolved, that the per capita tax be reduced to eight (8) cents per quarter.

Resolved, That the Department of Illinois present the following resolution to our next National Convention, for action: "*Resolved*, that a badge similar to the button worn by the comrades of the G. A. R., be adopted; viz: a miniature pin in the form of a maltese cross inscribed within the margin with the words, "Woman's Relief Corps," and in the center, our monogram, "F., C. and L."

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be extended to the Department officers and especially to our Department President, Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, for the proficient manner in which they have conducted the work of our order for the past year.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be extended to the Woman's Relief Corps of Springfield for courtesies shown the delegates to this Convention, and we assure them that they will ever be held in grateful remembrance for the kindly manner in which they received us; also to the committee of reception and arrangements of the G. A. R. for their untiring efforts to make our visit in their city a pleasant one, especially for their kindness in placing carriages at our disposal, thereby adding much comfort and pleasure during our stay.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are also due to Gov. and Mrs. R. J. Oglesby for their high appreciation of the Woman's Relief Corps in extending to them the freedom of the Executive Mansion from which place they reviewed the parade. Also to Gen. McNulta and the officers of railroads, generally, for most generous terms extended to members of our order.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MARY A. BRADLEY, Decatur,
SADE ROWLEY, Bloomington,
ARTEMESIA HALL, Camp Point,
EMMA C. BECKLEY, Nunda,
ORPHIA WELLS, Chicago.

These resolutions were taken up and considered separately and each adopted by convention. The Delegate-at-Large was instructed to bring the resolution regarding the pin for W. R. C. before National Convention.

The salary to be paid Department Secretary and Treasurer, was now discussed and an attempt made to fix the salaries at one hundred dollars per year. Mrs. Steele moved that salaries remain the same as the past year, viz., 20 per cent of per capita tax divided equally between Department Secretary and Treasurer. Seconded by Mrs. Mark, and carried.

Moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be given Comrade Jan-

uary for the pictures of himself which he had presented to the Convention. Motion prevailed.

Guard presented a basket of beautiful flowers sent by Mrs. Stadden, President of Stephenson Corps, No. 17, Springfield to Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, Department President, who expressed her thanks to the donor.

Mrs. K. M. Flint moved that the election of officers should be permanently made the regular order of business for 10 o'clock a.m. on the second day of the Department Convention. Seconded by Miss Jennie Bross and prevailed unanimously.

Miss Jennie Bross, Chairman of Committee on Officers' reports, then read supplemental report of that committee. On motion properly seconded this report was ordered added to former report of committee. Mrs. Bradley moved that resolution by Mrs. Sine be embodied in report of Committee on Resolutions. Seconded by Mrs. Gale and carried. Mrs. Sade Rowley, Chairman of Committee, read resolution of sympathy and condolence with Department Commander, Capt. A. C. Sweetser, which on motion properly seconded, was adopted and ordered spread upon the records, and copy of same sent to Department Commander Sweetser.

WHEREAS, We the members of the Fifth Annual Convention of the W.R.C., Department of Illinois, now assembled at Springfield, Feb. 15-16, have received with feelings of deep regret, the sad tidings that one of the noblest and bravest soldiers of our state is now bowed down by weight of his great grief and affliction by the death of his dearly beloved and cherished mother, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Department of Illinois W. R.C., do extend to Commander Sweetser our heartfelt and womanly sympathy in this, his hour of deepest affliction, hoping that the sympathy of the women who have pledged themselves to comfort the soldiers at all times and in all trials, may help him better to bear this great sorrow that has come upon him and help him to say, "Thy will be done."

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to Commander Sweetser, and that they be spread upon our minutes.

Signed,

MRS. SADIE ROWLEY,
MRS. E. FRANK NAFEW,
MRS. CARRIE A. BRIGGS.

Mrs. Bradley moved that we proceed to installation of officers. Seconded and carried.

The doors were thrown open and comrades and visitors admitted to witness the installation services. Department I. and I. Officer, Mrs. Lida A. Oldroyd, with grace and dignity installed the following officers in a most beautiful and impressive manner:

Department President Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, Augusta.

“ Senior Vice-President, Mrs. D. A. Leaverton, Palestine.

“ Junior Vice-President, Mrs. Orphia Wells, Chicago.

“ Secretary, Miss Josephine P. Cleveland, Springfield.

“ Treasurer, Miss Ada Carlton, Bloomington.

“ Chaplain, Mrs. Ellen Zeigler, Peoria.

“ Counselor, Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, Delavan.

“ Inspector, Mrs. Inez J. Bender, Galesville.

“ I. and I. Officer, Mrs. Mary K. Holtzman, Pontiac.

Miss Martha Lindsay, Palestine, as member of Executive Board.

Comrades and visitors were then requested to retire that the remaining business of the Convention might be transacted.

After the doors were closed a vote of thanks was tendered Department I. and I. Officer, Mrs. Lida A. Oldroyd, for the efficient manner in which she had conducted the installation services.

Records of the morning session were read and approved, and the Fifth Annual Convention, W.R.C. of Illinois, was declared closed.

Then came “Good-bye” and we were “Homeward bound,” with increased zeal in our chosen work, that of aiding that noble band, whose proud auxiliary we are, the Grand Army of the Republic.

ELLA COBEAN, Secretary Department of Illinois W.R.C.

GENERAL ORDERS ISSUED DURING THE YEAR.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILL., WOMAN'S RELIEF }
 CORPS, AUXILIARY TO GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

DELAVER, ILL., March 8, 1887.

[*General Orders, No. 1.*]

I. In full appreciation of the great responsibility and sacred charge entrusted to my care as President of the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Illinois, I hereby enter into the discharge of my duty, hoping this, my first General Order, will receive a hearty acceptance from all the Corps throughout our state, whom I ask to join my efforts to crown this year with marked success. May we never forget the objects of our noble organization, and if, in this office there exists an honor, let it assume its place at the end of a successful year.

II. At the Department Convention held at Rock Island, Illinois, Feb. 16 and 17, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Department President, Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, Delavan, Ill.

“ Senior Vice-President, Mrs. Sallie J. Steele, Decatur, Illinois.

Department Junior Vice-President, Margaret I. Sandes, Chicago, Illinois.

Department Treasurer, Miss Ada Carlton, Bloomington, Ill.

“ Chaplain, Mrs. Bessie S. Townsend, Henry, Ill.

The following appointments have been made by Department President:

Department Secretary, Mrs. Ella Cobean, Delavan, Ill.

“ Inspector, Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, Augusta, Ill.

“ Instituting and Installing Officer, Mrs. Lida Oldroyd, Springfield, Ill.

Department Counselor, Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton, Palestine, Ill.

The following named persons constitute the Executive Board:

Mrs. Abbie Holmes, Bloomington, Ill.

“ Clara W. Haral, Aurora, Ill.

“ Lizzie Hubbard, Aurora, Ill.

- " Mary Holtzman, Pontiac, Ill.
 " Marilla Ward, Gibson City, Ill.

Delegate-at-Large, Mrs. Sue M. Simpson, Peoria, Ill.

DELEGATES.

ALTERNATES.

Mrs. Mary R. Fletcher, Morris,	Mrs. Mira Mark, Decatur,
" Agnes Moody, Chicago,	Miss Nellie Hoagland, Henry,
" Alice E. Miller, Pontiac,	Mrs. Laura Clendenin, Moline,
" Ellen Zeigler, Peoria,	" Fannie Weber, Chicago,
" Minnie Kyle, Rockford,	" J. Minnemyer, Peoria,
" Mary P. Gale, Lacon,	" Anna Morgan, Monmouth,
" Etta P. Corning, Warren.	" D. A. Leaverton, Palestine.

III. The fourth annual convention lately held at Rock Island, was one of unusual interest, many important issues having been adopted for the continued welfare of our order.

IV. The following resolution was adopted in regard to the "Sons of Veterans:"

Resolved, That, whereas, the "Sons of Veterans" have been recognized by the Grand Army, that we, the Woman's Relief Corps, acknowledge the same and resolutions be sent to Col. G. B. Abbott to that effect.

Let me impress upon the members of our Corps throughout the state the importance of due recognition and assistance of the "Sons of Veterans" who before many years will fill the ranks vacated by our Grand Army. Let us unite our ablest efforts in assisting them to a brotherhood that shall echo the principles and loyalty of their fathers when the W.R.C. shall strew flowers on every Veteran's grave.

V. At the 15th annual encampment of the G.A.R., held in Indianapolis in 1881, the following resolution was presented and adopted:

Resolved, That we approve the project of organizing a Woman's National Relief Corps.

Resolved, That such Woman's Relief Corps may use under such titles the words, "Auxiliary to the G.A.R.," by special endorsement of the National Encampment of the G.A.R.

Again, at the 17th National Encampment held at Denver, Colorado, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That we cordially hail the organization of a National Woman's Relief Corps and extend our greeting to them. We return our warmest thanks to the loyal women of the land for their earnest

support and encouragement, and bid them God-speed in their patriotic work.

At the 20th National Encampment, held at San Francisco, in August, 1886, we find the following which we copy from the report of National Commander S. S. Burdette:

"This organization has passed beyond the stage of mere patronage or commendation. It has become a settled auxiliary and recognized agency of the Grand Army of the Republic in all its works of beneficence. Its fame whether for good or ill, is ours, and the proper administration of its trusts, and the accomplishment of its helpful aims, are to us, as well as to itself matters of proper concern. Our professions and pledges have gone so far that 'breach of promise' would lie if we should now attempt to ignore the bargain or refuse a dutiful performance of conditions. I have heard good of it from all quarters, evil from none. Its growth, both in individual membership and subordinate Corps, continues to be satisfactory.

The above acknowledgement of the rights and objects of the W.R. C., as sanctioned in National Encampments was re-endorsed by Department of Illinois, as found in the following resolution:

ROCK ISLAND, ILL., Feb. 17, 1887.

WHEREAS, The Woman's Relief Corps is the only organization of ladies auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic in this Department which has ever applied to the Encampment for official recognition or endorsement, therefore,

Resolved, That the Woman's Relief Corps *is the only* organization of ladies recognized and endorsed by this Encampment as an auxiliary.

With due consideration and proud cognizance of the above resolutions and affirmations, let us, as women of our proud auxiliary, so conduct ourselves and our assemblies that the grandest army of all the earth will never regret their votes that gave us sanction.

VI. I would call the particular attention of Corps Presidents to a careful reading of Sec. 5, Art. VI, Chapter V, and urgently request that quarterly reports accompanying per capita tax be sent promptly to headquarters the first of each month, April, July, October and January. By so doing you will confer a favor upon Department and National officers and acquire for your own Corps a discipline that will add volumes to the general good of our order.

VII. All orders for supplies must be addressed to Miss Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, Bloomington.

VIII. All correspondence pertaining to Corps affairs, reports, returns, taxes, discipline, etc., should be addressed to Mrs. Ella Cobean, Department Secretary, Delavan. Ill.

IX. Always make your order for supplies separate from your correspondence and enclose postage for return charges. .

X. I would also urge the Corps throughout our state to a hearty compliance with the request of the Board of Directors of our Soldiers Home at Quincy, that each Corps join their efforts to furnish a room at the Home. Already the poor houses of our state are giving up their soldier inmates who hereafter will occupy rooms prepared for them at the Quincy Home, where they may spend the remainder of their days in ease and comfort. The Home, though neatly finished and as attractive as possible from the hands of the mechanic, needs many articles for decoration to give it a homelike appearance, such as pictures, mats, tidies, patch-work, quilts, and comforts, and above all, books, papers, and other reading matter for which suitable book cases have been prepared. It is hoped the members of our Corps will avail themselves of the pleasant opportunity of showing their love and affection for the defenders of our country, who have suffered that we may live and enjoy the blessings of to-day, and report all progress to these headquarters by Jan. 15, 1888.

XI. Corps are particularly requested to work, in all cases, harmoniously with the Post whose auxiliary they are, the President consulting the Commander on all subjects pertaining to their mutual welfare, encouraging social gatherings of Post and Corps, which always result in good to our order.

XII. All General Orders from Department or National Headquarters must be read at the first meeting of the Corps after they are received and placed on file for future reference.

XIII. "Work together in harmony, in honor preferring one another."

By command of

SUE A. SANDERS, Department President.

ELLA COBEAN, Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS WOMAN'S RELIEF }
CORPS, AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

DEHAVAN, ILL., April 5, 1887.

[*General Orders, No. 2.*]

A committee of three ladies together with the Department President, in compliance with a request of the Trustees of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy, Illinois, visited that institution, Saturday, April 2d, where they spent all necessary time in ascertaining what the Woman's Relief Corps of Illinois could best do to add to the comfort of the veteran inmates. The appropriation made by our state seems well expended thus far and we have only to hope for further appropriations made through the kindness and charity of Illinois' great people, may soon provide what is lacking to show to our neighboring states and the world how we appreciate *our* brave defenders of our flag. To speak of scarred faces and absent limbs, emaciated forms and suffering humanity, stretched upon government cots, in unhomelike wards, reminds one of the absolute necessity of a hospital where, free from noise and bustle, the tender hands of comrades may close each other's eyes in death. Across the ravine through which a stream of water flows, on a rolling mound, a cemetery has already been designated, and in this place before many days, at least six of our veterans will lie side by side, for the exposure of war has left them wrecks and they await their final muster. While summing up the little wants we did not assure the Trustees of the Home that our Corps would join their efforts in tributes of love and respect, but we expressed to them a belief that each and every member of our order was willing and ready to continue the labors of '61-'65, and in accordance with this trust the committee have arranged work which they wish each Corps to do as found in the following list of wants:

TO EACH CORPS.

1. Send at once one box of plants, bulbs and seeds to decorate the grounds of the Home.
2. Send one box of books, pamphlets, magazines, etc.
3. Send six floor mats for front of cots.
4. Send one paper holder and comb case.
5. Send six button-bags, six pin-cushions, six needle-books—all filled.
6. Send four cheerful patch-work quilts $1\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ yards in size.

7. Send one night shirt.
8. Send one game of some kind.
9. Send one cheerful picture for wall. (No snow storms or sad countenances.)

10. Send \$2 in money to buy clocks, looking-glasses, easy chairs, curtains, slippers, foot-stools and tables.

To this list Corps may add anything they may choose. Let plants go first, books second, money third, all but quilts fourth, and quilts last.

Please report date of sending articles, to Department President, that a punctuality list may be kept for Department Convention.

Send money to Department President and receive her receipt for the same, and she will see that it is expended for comforts for the the Home. All other articles send to Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Quincy, Ill., care of Col. Lippencott, Supt., and prepay all expressage.

Committee: Julia G. Sine, Georgia Berry, Sarah M. Bradford.

By command of SUE A. SANDERS, Department President.
ELLA COBEAN, Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS WOMAN'S RELIEF }
CORPS, AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

DELAVER, ILL., May 5, 1887.

[*General Orders, No. 3.*]

In fond remembrance of the request of Gen. John A. Logan that the 30th day of May, 1868, be consecrated to the memory of America's fallen heroes, and in compliance with General Orders, No. 11, wherein Commander-in-Chief Lucius Fairchild asks that the eloquent and appropriate words issued by Gen. John A. Logan, in his General Orders, No. 11, 1868, be taken as inspiration to guide our hearts and hands the coming Memorial Day, let us, dear sisters of the W.R.C., gather up the flowers of spring's fairest blossoms and twine once more the extended wreath around our silent marble in memory of those whose lives were sacrificed to preserve our glorious Union. All over our land, from lake to gulf, from shore to shore, are plats of green, where many mounds are marked with slabs of marble, over which the Government has placed tender guards; others slowly recede 'neath the towering shafts of wealth and affluence that overshadow

the soldier's grave and many rest beneath their laurels where naught but the sighing breeze chants their sad requiem. In Sumpter county, Georgia, there are thirteen thousand graves toward which the saddest thoughts are turned, for

"Had they fallen in the battle,
With the old flag floating high,
We should mourn, but not with anguish,
For the soldier thus would die.
But the dear boys *starved* in prison,
Helpless, friendless and alone;
While the haughty rebel leaders
Heard, unmoved, each dying moan."

Then, while we cover with tender blossoms the graves, we gather near and drape with flowers the granite, whereon are chiseled the names of loved ones, and prepare mounds for the unknown graves let us, the coming Memorial day, especially prepare some loving tribute in memory of those whose last words were for bread, in a land of plenty.

Let every woman's tongue all over our land instruct the child in the principles that have made the 30th of May the saddest and sweetest of all the year, and let them in their innocence come with arms full of flowers for the "graves of the boys in blue." And while we gather in tender remembrance of the past to bestow our little offerings of love, if there are those around us who ever nursed the serpent that stung the patriot's heart, let their tears be those of repentance in the background of our floral display. As the G.A.R. have pledged their vows to perpetuate from year to year the sad memories of the past, let us, members of the chosen auxiliary, renew our vows of fidelity and gather each year around the sacred dust with the fairest flowers of springtime, and thank God that not one hero sleeps where waves not the stars and stripes of our Union. While we strew with flowers the graves of our heroic dead and forget not the unknown, let us remember the brave and loyal women who were found at the front, with tender hands carefully caring for suffering humanity, and cover their graves with whitest flowers, emblems of purity. Before the next order that shall remind us of our solemn duty, there will have been set apart another enclosure of green, above whose surface new mounds will have arisen, and on the shores of the Missis-

issippi, as the years roll on, one by one our veteran poor will answer the final summons. While living let us add to their comfort by what our hands can do, and dying cover their graves with flowers, in remembrance of the past.

We do not advise needless expense, but offerings of love from willing hearts and hands.

Memorial Day blanks will be furnished all Corps Chaplains, who are expected to make prompt returns full and concise as possible, noting the principal features of the day, to Mrs. Bessie S. Townsend, Department Chaplain, Henry, Ill.

We ask that in all cases Corps unite with their Posts in appropriate observance of the day, acquiescing in all arrangements made between Posts and the clergy, for memorial services the Sabbath preceeding the Nation's Memorial Day. By command of

SUE A. SANDERS, Department President.

ELLA COBEAN, Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS WOMAN'S RELIEF }
CORPS, AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
DELAVER, ILL., June 11, 1887.

[*General Orders, No. 4.*]

I. Your Department President wishes to thank and congratulate the Corps throughout the state for their prompt returns for the quarter ending April 1, 1887, and assure them one and all of the assistance they have thus rendered in enabling the Department officers to meet with promptness the requirements of their official duties. May the future find you the same.

II. Corps Chaplains will please send in their reports of Memorial Day to Department Chaplain as soon as possible.

III. The Rituals and Officer's Cards may be taken from the hall for the purpose of memorizing respective parts, but must be kept sacred to members alone and returned to Corps President at each meeting.

IV. Belonging to the W.R.C. does not in any way interfere with persons joining other societies.

V. While asked to work in harmony at all times with your Post you are not expected to insinuate or force your services in their be-

half. While they fought the enemy face to face in the front we watched the lurking foe in the rear as we picked lint and wound bandages. We who sent our fathers, husbands and brothers, to the army to fall in battle or starve in prison, suffered as well as they; and now in their day of prosperity let us not make ourselves obnoxious by forcing our presence or service upon them. As they climbed to the front at Lookout Mountain, they claim no back seat now. As we held the home so dear to them we await their welcome now. Let the laws of common courtesy and politeness guide you here as elsewhere.

VI. Our Department Commander, Capt. A. C. Sweetser, in his General Orders No. 8, has given us official sanction and recommends us as "a noble auxiliary to the G.A.R." So, under his approval, backed by a majority, we can peacefully await unanimous recognition.

VII. As the time for inspection is drawing near, I recommend earnest and approvable discipline of all officers of our Corps, and particularly enjoin upon them the importance of memorizing their respective parts, and the use of our Order Books for filing all papers and general orders as important documents of the Corps.

VIII. It is with pleasure I commend the progress of work laid out for the Soldiers' Home. Fully one-third of the Corps have responded to General Orders No. 2. Letters from Gen. C. E. Lippencott, Supt. of the Home, assures us that all our efforts are highly appreciated by the old veterans; but owing to his present illness I am unable to learn just what comforts our money has brought to the Home, but have full confidence that in his hands all will be expended for the best interests of the inmates, and for their welfare may he be speedily restored to health, to continue his fatherly care.

IX. The following appointments as Aids upon the Staff of Department President are announced:

Mrs. Emma C. Beckley, Nunda,	Mrs. Kate M. Pickett, Harrisburg,
" Carrie B. Karr, Macomb,	" Marian A. Mann, Peoria,
" Laura E. Distin, Quincy,	" Fleta C. Stahl, Bloomington,
" Lizzie Hubbard, Aurora,	" Jennie Ludington, Farmer City,
" Inez J. Bender, Galesville,	" Artemesia Hall, Camp Point,
" Mary VanAlstyne, Rockford,	" Eunice B. Pike, Chenoa,
" Anna Morgan, Monmouth,	" Lida Anderson, Palestine,
" Mary J. Stadden, Springfield,	" Sarah Martin, Shawneetown,

“ Carrie Briggs, Delavan, “ Martha Humrichouser, Homer,
 “ Carrie T. Becker, Elgin, “ Mary Thiehl, Chicago,
 Miss Jennie Bross, Morris.

Department Aids are expected to conform to all special duties required by Department President for the extension and welfare of our order. They are required to familiarize themselves with the work and interests of our order, do all in their power to perpetuate harmony, and awaken interest in forming new auxiliary Corps wherever a Grand Army Post exists, and report all progress to Department Headquarters.

By Command of

SUE A. SANDERS, Department President.

ELLA COBEAN, Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS, WOMAN'S RELIEF }
 CORPS, AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

DELAVER, ILL., Sept. 3, 1887. ..

[*General Orders, No. 5.*]

I. The Fifth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps will assemble in St. Louis, Missouri, at 10 o'clock, a. m., Wednesday, Sept. 28, 1887. National Headquarters are located at the Southern Hotel.

II. Headquarters Department of Illinois have been established at Lindell Hotel, room 17, parlor floor, where the Department President with her corps of officers, delegates and staff, hopes to extend the fraternal hand to all members and friends of our order who may choose to call and register there.

III. In General Orders No. 10, of our Department Commander, we find the Headquarters Department of Illinois, G.A.R., will leave Bloomington at 10 o'clock a. m., Monday, Sept. 26, 1887, by special train over the Chicago & Alton R. R. Headquarters of W.R.C. auxiliary to the G.A.R., of Illinois, have been officially, cordially and earnestly invited by Department Commander to join in the grand excursion. I therefore ask, as a favor, that as many as possible of my officers, staff, delegates and members of our order join me at Bloomington, in acceptance of this invitation.

IV. We trust that the late Chatsworth disaster may cause no un-

due nervousness or fear to deter our delegates and officers from the fulfillment of their duty, as assurance has been given, particularly by the C. & A. and Wabash railroads, that special precaution will be taken to avert all accidents that might possibly occur.

V. We are assured by circular letters issued by the General Executive Committee that arrangements have been made for the comfort and entertainment of guests unexcelled by any previous encampment. Excursions, campfires, illuminations, concerts, etc., are among the list of entertainments for the members of both orders and visiting friends. Private residences will be opened for the accommodation of the people. One hundred thousand dollars has been given for this entertainment.

VI. Thursday, Sept. 29th has been set apart as Springfield Day, at which time all who choose may visit the tomb of Lincoln.

VII. Delegates elected at the last Department Convention of Illinois have all expressed the intention of representing their Department in National Convention with the exception of Mrs. Mary R. Fletcher, whose place will be filled by Mrs. Laura E. Clendenin, third alternate elect.

VIII. The following ladies have been appointed as additional aids on the staff of Department President: Mrs. Amanda R. Olmstead, Henry, Ill.; Mrs. Hattie E. Collier, Gibson City, Ill.; Mrs. Mary C. Jewell, Danville, Ill.; Mrs. Mary Hutchinson, Brighton Park, Ill.

IX. The following Corps have been instituted since the Rock Island Department Convention: J. P. Lasley, No. 65, Camp Point; Henry Cobb, No. 67, Metropolis City; Carter Van Vleck, No. 68, Bushnell; Homer, No. 69, Homer; Alexander Simpson, No. 70, Carthage; Chebanse, No. 71, Chebanse; James Adams, No. 72, Cherry Point; Silas Casey, No. 73, Brighton Park; James Hutchinson, No. 74, DeWitt; Wash. Alexander, No. 75, Bethany; Wauconda, No. 38, Wauconda; Kenesaw, No. 76, Danville; Coultersville, No. 77, Coultersville; McLane, No. 78, Beardstown; Z. S. Clifford, No. 79, Equality; Merit Simmons, No. 80, De Kalb.

X. The following letter has been received at these headquarters which is hereby given to the Corps throughout the state:

HEADQUARTERS OF THE LOGAN GUARD OF HONOR, }
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 10, 1887. }

DEAR MADAM:—I am directed by the "Logan Guard of Honor," and Mrs. Logan, to convey to you their sincere thanks for the beautiful tribute of flowers for General Logan's tomb, forwarded by you. The dedication of such lovely emblems for this purpose is highly gratifying to us as also to her, whose husband was our grand commander, who gave us Memorial Day and who was so thoroughly attached to the principles of Liberty, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

With great regard, yours in F., C. & L.,

W. S. ODELL, Secretary L. G. of H.

XI. It is with pleasure I recommend to the Corps in this Department the *National Vidette* which will appear before the public the first of September in the interest of the W.R.C. The enterprise has been favorably and urgently endorsed by the following Department Presidents: Indiana, Ohio, Vermont, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Iowa and Kansas. It is hoped that the members of every Corps in the Department of Illinois especially will see the needs of such a paper and realize the benefit obtained thereby.

XII. I hereby recommend and ask that each Corps, that has not already done so, to supply themselves with books furnished by the Department for keeping all records, accounts and files of their secretary and treasurer and by so doing bring their work to discipline that helps on to success; besides placing their accounts and business in such order that Department Inspector can readily form an estimate of the value and workings of their Corps. Such books can be obtained of Department Treasurer.

XIII. Department Inspectors will be announced in the future. It is hoped the Corps may all be as prompt in the future as in the past with their reports. Very few Corps this year have been suspended for the non-payment of quarterly dues.

XIV. In answer to the question so often asked I will again say: Blanks for Corps Treasurer's bonds, also blanks for Corps Presidents to make their quarterly reports to their commanders, can be obtained of Department Treasurer. Let the proper blanks be procured and the Presidents of Corps found diligent in the discharge of their several duties.

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By command of

SUE A. SANDERS, Department President.

ELLA COBEAN, Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS, WOMAN'S RELIEF }
 CORPS, AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

DELAVER, ILL., September 9, 1887.

[*General Orders, No. 6.*]

I. Article V., Section 10, of National Orders No. 2, names the time for Corps inspection between the dates of Nov. 1st and Dec. 31st of each year.

II. In consideration of the facts and circumstances connected with the Corps throughout the State, the Department Council are led to believe that instruction in many cases is more essential than inspection; therefore, the Department Inspector, by advice of Department Council, proposes to let the tour of herself and assistants be one of instruction as well as inspection, and to this end she has, after due investigation, appointed assistants in the work whom she believes to be able to give all correct information pertaining to the workings and discipline of our order; which if well received and carefully considered can but result in success to our organization.

III. That this work may be performed on time with no unnecessary expense to the Department, we ask that each Corps, on receiving this order, make arrangements whereby they can call their members together on short notice to receive instruction and pass inspection, when notified by the Inspector of the time of her arrival.

IV. Each inspector will be assigned a certain tour which they will make from day to day, they notifying the Corps President of the time of their coming, at which time she will call the members, together prepared to carry out the work required by the Inspector. Should a delay of trains cause the Inspector to fail in her appointment the Corps will adjourn until the arrival of the train, at which time the Inspector will appear for duty. It is hoped that each and every member of our order may see the importance of this plan of work, and respond as cheerfully to all instructions as have they to all others during the present administration, and for which service you have our warmest thanks.

V. The Corps assigned for inspection by Department Inspector and her assistants are as follows:

Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford will inspect Corps No. 34, 68, 30, 6, 28,

66, 27, 50, 60, 49, 70, 9, 40, 12, 11, 19, 59, 10, 80, 18, 45, 44, 33, 1, 52, 3, 23, 14, 73, 16, 36, 35, 62.

Mrs. Sue A. Sanders will inspect Corps No. 65, 47, 78, 17, 58, 4, 76, 69, 64, 24, 57, 21, 43, 20, 75, 46, 72, 54, 13, 32, 26, 2, 31, 71, 74, 55, 77, 51, 15, 7.

Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton will inspect Corps No. 63, 53, 48, 25, 42, 39, 67, 79, 37.

Mrs. Sarah A. Browning, Robinson, Ill., will inspect Corps No. 5.

Mrs. Laura McKeever, Moline, Ill., will inspect Corps No. 41.

Mrs. Carrie B. Taylor, Freeport, Ill., will inspect Corps No. 29 and 56.

Mrs. Carrie T. Becker, Elgin, Ill., will inspect Corps No. 22.

Mrs. M. I. Sandes, Chicago, will inspect Corps No. 38.

Mrs. Mary E. Van Alstyne, Rockford, will inspect Corps No. 61.

Mrs. Amanda R. Olmstead, Henry, Ill., will inspect Corps No. 31.

VI. All new Corps organized between this time and that of inspection will receive due notice by some of the above named parties.

VII. Once more we urgently ask that every Corps at once take steps to place their records, files and accounts in order for rigid inspection, and in so doing acquire discipline and correctness that shall enable our Inspector to present a glowing report for the Department of Illinois at the coming Department Convention, and show to our sister States that in this, as in all other enterprises, Illinois assumes high rank.

By command of

SUE A. SANDERS, Department President.

ELLA COBEAN, Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS, WOMAN'S RELIEF }
CORPS, AUXILIARY TO GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

DELAVAN, ILL., September 10, 1887.

[*General Orders, No. 7.*]

In the *National Tribune* of August 25th, we note the death of one of our most earnest and zealous workers in the interest of the W.R.C., as found in the name and character of Mrs. Lois W. S. Holbrook, of Toledo, Ohio, Past National Instituting and Installing Officer.

While her death is the loss of our National Order, which she has served most faithfully, the Department of Illinois cannot but feel it a special duty to express its sympathy in some way most befitting the loss of one who gave our Department its existence, and started us out on our mission of charity. To us she was a stranger, yet an assurance of her noble worth, as exemplified in a kind, unselfish and unenvious disposition, we can but think it good for our order that such characters be emulated by services of love and respect by the members of our fraternal organization.

Therefore, in appreciation of the character and acts of a true and noble woman, whose words were love and whose heart was full of charity, I ask, that at the first regular meeting in October, of the Corps in the Department of Illinois, that our service for the dead be performed and all badges and Corps charters be draped in mourning for thirty days.

By command of

SUE A. SANDERS, Department President.

ELLA COBEAN, Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS WOMAN'S RELIEF }
CORPS, AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

DELAYAN, ILL., Dec. 1, 1887.

[*General Orders, No. 8.*]

I. The installation of all Corps Officers must take place at the first stated meeting in January, or at a special meeting immediately thereafter.

II. All Department Officers and Department Aids are hereby authorized to act in the capacity of Installing Officers and are expected to memorize the Installation service.

III. If among the Corps there are those who have a choice of Installing Officer, they will please send request for the same to these Headquarters on or before Dec. 30, 1887. In the absence of the Installing Officer appointed, any Past Corps President or Past Post Commander, is hereby appointed Installing Officer, when invited by the Corps to perform the duty.

IV. All Installing Officers must send to these Headquarters and Department I. and I. Officer, Mrs. Lida A. Oldroyd, Springfield, Ill.,

a report of Corps installation of officers within five days of date of installation. They will please state whether the installation was private or public, or a joint installation of Post and Corps officers. Please be prompt in making returns as it is a matter of importance that Headquarters should know that the officers of Corps have been duly installed.

V. Election blanks will be forwarded every Corps in the Department. Corps Presidents will see that such blanks are properly filled and sent to these Headquarters.

VI. The basis of representation to Department Convention will be one delegate and one alternate for every twenty members, and one for a fraction over one-half that number. All Corps Presidents are, by virtue of their office, members of the Department Convention. I trust all will see the importance of electing their very best element to represent their Corps, for in such we gain strength to legislate for the highest good of our order.

VII. Corps Presidents are hereby instructed to send all matter of importance written in as clear and concise style as possible to the *National Vidette* for publication.

VIII. Officers' badges are the property of the Corps and must be deposited with the Treasurer at the close of each meeting.

Having already obeyed General Orders No. 8, Corps are exempt from obeying the order for memorial service in honor of Mrs. Lois W. S. Holbrook, as found in National Orders No. 2, of Nov. 1, 1887.

IX. Corps Chaplains will please send lists of deceased members during the year to Mrs. Bessie S. Townsend, Henry, Ill., for her Department Convention report.

X. Corps wishing decisions will please send the same through the proper channel and they will receive prompt attention from these Headquarters. The *National Vidette* each week contains decisions and many things of interest to each and every member of our order.

XI. As winter appears with cold grasp forget not the poor among you. Let charity prevail.

XII. While we gather around our Christmas trees, laden with many offerings of love and remembrance, let us not forget the poor that tremble with cold in desolate homes, while we sit down to tables laden with plenty. While the comrades of our state think kindly of

their veteran poor at Quincy, and send tokens of remembrance, let us, dear sisters of the W.R.C., cast our mite for tender and pleasing articles to cheer and gladden the little hearts of our soldiers' orphans, who now number 365, at our Home at Normal. All donations in their behalf will be receipted for and judiciously distributed by Comrade H. C. DeMotte, Superintendent of the Home. This order is not obligatory but appeals to love and duty for the little ones made orphans by the loss of soldier fathers who in youth gave their best days for the defence of our flag and country.

By command of

SUE A. SANDERS, Department President.

ELLA COBEAN, Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS, WOMAN'S RELIEF }
 COBPS, AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

DELAVER, ILL., Jan. 16, 1888.

[*General Orders, No. 9.*]

I. The Fifth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, of the Department of Illinois, will convene at Senate Hall, Springfield, Ill., Feb. 15, 1888, at 10 o'clock a. m.,

II. Headquarters have been established at the Revere House, where Department President with officers and staff, will be most happy to extend the fraternal hand to all members and friends of our order.

III. On Thursday evening, Feb. 15, a general reception will be held at the parlors of the Revere House, at which time we trust the comrades will show their appreciation of our order by being present and joining our festivities.

IV. The Executive Board are requested to meet at room 19, Revere House, at 9 o'clock prompt, Tuesday morning, Feb. 14, to audit the accounts of Secretary and Treasurer. If any fail to respond at that our their places will be filled by others. The Department Treasurer and Department Secretary are hereby commanded to be present at this time with all papers, books, records and accounts.

V. The members of the Department Council are hereby requested to meet at room 19, Revere House, at 2 o'clock p. m., prompt, Feb. 14, 1888, for counsel and transaction of business.

VI. It is hoped that orders IV and V will be promptly and strictly obeyed, remembering the Executive Board must audit accounts before the meeting of the Council at 2 o'clock, p. m., and the Council, consisting of all Department Officers and Executive Board, must be prepared to finish their work that all may join in the evening reception.

VII. All Corps Presidents throughout the state are hereby commanded to forward at once election returns to these headquarters, that the credential list of delegates may be ready for Department Convention.

VIII. All Corps must pay per-capita tax for the quarter in which they are instituted. Any failing to comply with this order will lose their representation in Department Convention.

IX. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Conductor—Mrs. Sue M. Simpson, Peoria.

Organist—Mrs. Mary P. Gale, Lacon.

X. The Aids of the Staff of Department President, as announced in General Orders No. 4, June 11, 1887, are hereby requested to assist in general reception Tuesday evening, Feb. 14th, at W.R.C. Headquarters, Springfield, Ill.

XI. In order that the fifth Department Convention may result in much good to our order it is earnestly requested that every delegate and member of the Convention who intends to be present at any of its sessions, attend its opening, at which time the reports of all officers will be read and referred to the committees. Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 15th, from 1 until 2 o'clock will be set apart for the exemplification of the Ritualistic and unwritten work of the order, at which time the Department officers will officiate.

XII. Presidents of all Corps in the Department of Illinois are hereby requested to bring the Rituals of their respective Corps to Department Convention, where they will be exchanged for the revised editions. All Presidents not coming will please send them by their delegates. In complying with the above request you will save the Department an expense and inconvenience.

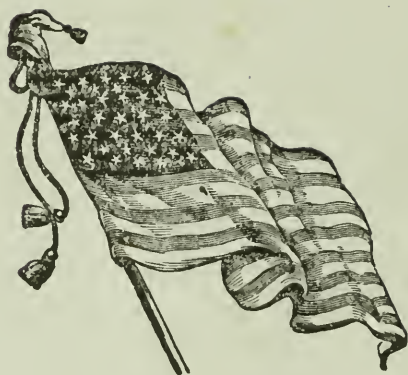
XIII. General Orders No. 9 closes the demands and instructions of another year. Ladies of our noble order, one and all, allow me to thank you for courtesy and kindness extended to me throughout

my administration. Many questions have been asked, many decisions given, and whatever your opinions of my understanding of our laws or judgment displayed, not one disapproval has ever been penned or discordant word ever reached my ear. Let these, my last General Orders, stand a kind acknowledgement of your noble womanhood and loving demeanor, and may the coming administration find you still faithful.

By command of

SUE A. SANDERS, Department President.

ELLA COBEAN, Department Secretary.



PROCEEDINGS

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(DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS)

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HELD AT

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Owing to the serious and continued illness of Mr. Daniel Cleveland, father of the Past Department Secretary, since Department Convention, and his subsequent death, March 26th, together with the prostration and serious sickness of Miss Cleveland since that event, the issuing of the Proceedings of the Sixth Department Convention have been delayed far beyond our expectation or desire.

Sickness and death being beyond our control, I trust every member of this Department will feel satisfied there has been no unnecessary delay in this matter.

May 1, 1889.

SARAH M. BRADFORD,
Past Department President.

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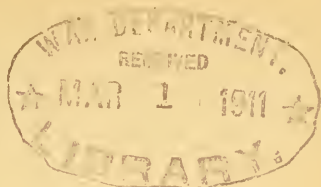
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WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE G. A. R.

The Sixth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Illinois, met in Springfield, Ill., Feb. 20-22, pursuant to the call in General Orders No. 9, issued by Department President.

In accordance with this order (No. 9) the Executive Board met in Room 19, Palace Hotel, at 9 A. M., to audit the books of the Department Secretary and Treasurer, and prepared its report to present to the Department Council, which held its session at 2 P. M., in the same room. A review of the year's work was laid before the Council by Department President, and after some important resolutions and reading the report of the Executive Board, the Council adjourned.

The evening was spent socially in the parlors of the hotel, where many old friendships were renewed, and new ones begun, interspersed by songs and instrumental music, also calls of courtesy from Lieut. Gov. Ray, on behalf of the Senate of Illinois,* Gen. Reece, chairman, with commit-

* By a vote of the Senate of the State of Illinois, January 23, the use of the Senate Chamber was tendered the W. R. C. each day from 1½ P. M.; also by invitation from the local committee of arrangements, January 24th, the Y. M. C. A. Hall was placed at the disposal of the Convention all the time. The Department President realizing that the deliberations of the Convention should be held continuously in one place, selected Y. M. C. A. Hall, and so named in General Orders No. 9. A letter from the Lieutenant Governor, received February 16th, announced that the Senate had reconsidered its former joint resolution, and voted to give the use of the Senate Chamber the entire time, but the information was received too late to change by general orders the place of meeting, as many had engaged rooms and board with reference to the Y. M. C. A. Hall.

tee of arrangements G. A. R., and Maj. Hoover, chairman, with committee on entertainment, the latter committee presenting to the W. R. C. tickets to the grand camp fire, to be held in Representative Hall, February 20th, 1889.

FIRST DAY.

The Department Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, auxillary to the Grand Army of the Republic, met in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Springfield, Illinois Wednesday, February 20, 1889.

At 10 A. M. the Department President, Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, dropped the gavel, and declared the Sixth Annual Convention, of the Department of Illinois, W. R. C., opened.

Department President made the following announcements:

*Mrs. Manlove of Stephenson Corps, Conductor.

Mrs. Iles of Stephenson Corps, Guard.

Mrs. Guest of Mendell Corps, Assistant Conductor.

Mrs. Bell of Mendell Corps, Assistant Guard.

Mrs. Eva Munson Smith, in the dual capacity of Organist and Assistant Department Secretary for the Convention.

It was moved and carried that when the Grand Army procession passed there should be a recess to witness it.

Mrs. Sue A. Sanders moved that we re-assemble in the Senate Chamber—seconded. Remarks being in order, Mrs. Stadden, Chairman of Committee of Arrangements, W. R. C., said there could be no music there, the piano having been engaged for the hall, also that the seating capacity would be insufficient for the delegates, as there were two other large bodies already deliberating in the State House, which required all the surplus chairs. Department President stated that a committee from the Grand Army stated to her the evening previous, that the Senate Chamber could not now be at our disposal for Thursday, as the Mexican veterans were holding a meeting there, even though we occupied standing room to-day. The motion was lost.

Recess to witness procession.

Business resumed, Mrs. Hansbury, and Mrs. Woods of Stephenson Corps were added to the list of Assistant Conductors, and took up the password from the visitors. Conductors reported all present members of the order but *one*, who, when requested to retire, did so.

*The-e offices were filled from local Corps, to save expense to the Department.

The Department Chaplain, Mrs. Ellen Ziegler, then invoked the Divine blessing, after which all joined in repeating the Lord's prayer.

The Roll of Officers was then called by the Department Secretary, the names of those present being marked with an asterisk.*

ROLL OF SIXTH DEPARTMENT CONVENTION.

*Department President.....	Sarah M. Bradford, Augusta.
*S. V. President.....	Delilah A. Leaverton, Palestine.
J. V. President.....	Ophie Wells, Chicago.
*Secretary.....	Josephine P. Cleveland, Springfield.
*Treasurer.....	Ada Carlton, Bloomington.
*Chaplain.....	Ellen Zeigler, Peoria.
*Inspector.....	Inez J. Bender, Monticello.
*Counselor.....	Sue A. Sanders, Delavan.
*I. and I. Officer.....	Mary K. Holtzman, Pontiac.

DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE BOARD.

* Mrs. Clara W. Harrel.....	Aurora.
* Mrs. Julia G. Sine.....	Rockford.
Mrs. Lizzie Hubbard.....	Aurora.
* Mrs. Margaret I. Sandes.....	Chicago.
Miss Martha Lindsey.....	Palestine.

The President requested that the Department Officers take a seat on the rostrum as far as possible; also stated that ribbon badges would be given to the voting delegates and representatives or alternates filling vacancies—

The President then appointed the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

*Miss Josephine P. Cleveland, Chairman.....	Springfield.
*Mrs. Helen F. Bristol.....	Quincy.
*Miss Minnie M. Kyle.....	Chicago.
*Mrs. Jane Craver.....	Camp Point.
*Mrs. Mary R. McClellan.....	Hamilton.

COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

*Mrs. Lizzie D. Gibson, Chairman.....	Pontiac.
*Mrs. Salome F. Wilson.....	Lincoln.
Mrs. Sarah B. Martin.....	Shawneetown.
*Mrs. Jennie G. Harrison.....	Sterling.
Mrs. Mary Jewell.....	Danville.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

*Mrs. Artemisia Hall, Chairman.....	Camp Point.
*Mrs. Emma Kitzmiller.....	Taylorville.
Mrs. Kate Pickett.....	Harrisburg.
*Mrs. S. E. Hannou.....	Cairo.
Mrs. Mary A. McBride.....	Coulterville.

The roll call of delegates, alternates and other representatives, was then called.

ROLL OF DEPARTMENT.

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS:

- *MRS. JULIA G. SINE, Rockford.
- *MRS. CLARA W. HARRAL, Aurora.
- *MRS. SUE A. SANDERS, Delavan.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

- *President, SARAH M. BRADFORD, Corps No. 32..... Augusta.
- *S. V. President, DELILAH A. LEAVERTON, Corps N. 5..... Palestine.
- J. V. President, OPHIE WELLS, Corps No. 14..... Chicago.
- *Treasurer, ADA CARLTON, Corps No. 7..... Bloomington.
- *Chaplain, ELLEN ZIEGLER, Corps No. 12..... Peoria.

STAFF OFFICERS:

- *Secretary, JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND, Corps No. 17..... Springfield.
- *Counselor, SUE A. SANDERS, Corps No. 35..... Delavan.
- *Inspector, INEZ J. BENNER, Corps No. 64..... Monticello.
- *I. and I. Officer, MARY K. HOLTZMAN, Corps No. 15..... Pontiac.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

- *CLARA W. HARRAL, Corps No. 10..... Aurora.
- *JULIA G. SINE, Corps N. 1..... Rockford.
- LIZZIE HUBBARD, Corps No. 10..... Aurora.
- *MARGARET I. SANDES, Corps No. 23..... Chicago.
- MARTHA LINDSEY, Corps No. 5..... Palestine.

CORPS.

ROCKFORD NO. 1.

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| Corps President..... | *Mrs. Julia G. Sine, Rockford. |
| Senior Vice-President..... | Mrs. Delia Johnson. |
| Past President..... | Mrs. Mary E. VanAlstyne. |
| “ “..... | Mrs. Sophia R. Spaulding. |
| “ “..... | *Mrs. Etta Corning. (Corps 29.) |
| “ “..... | *Mrs. L. L. Carr. (Corps 29.) |

Delegates.

- *Mrs. Harriet Horton,
- *Mrs. Julia Ellison,
- *Mrs. Elizabeth Hubley,
- *Mrs. Martha A. Lippincott,
- *Mrs. Nellie Carpenter,

Alternates.

- Mrs. Henrietta Norton,
- Mrs. Myra Hiller,
- Mary Mitchell,
- Miranda Thurston,
- Mrs. Emma Hale.

HENRY NO. 2.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Gusta S. Brooks, Henry.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Mary Newman.
Past President.....	Mrs. Eliza A. Adams.
" ".....	Mrs. Bessie S. Townsend.
" ".....	Mrs. Lizzie Young.
" ".....	Miss Nellie Hoagland.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

(None sent.)

ELGIN NO. 3.

Corps President.....	*Mrs. Ellen A. Bridges, Elgin.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Etta Young.
Past President.....	Mrs. Angie C. Beebe.
" ".....	*Mrs. Carrie T. Becker.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

Mrs. Sarah A. Marshall,
 Mrs. Helen E. Wilcox,
 *Mrs. Mary V. Kimball,

Mrs. M. M. B. Andrews,
 Mrs. L. N. Jackman,
 Mrs. Hattie Richert.

DECATUR NO. 4.

Corps President.....	*Mrs. Sarah Seger, Decatur.
Senior Vice-President.....	*Mrs. Carrie E. Spore.
Past President.....	Miss Maggie E. Crissey.
" ".....	*Mrs. Mary A. Bradley.
" ".....	*Mrs. Sallie J. Steele.
" ".....	*Mrs. Mira Mark.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

Mrs. India Hill,
 *Mrs. Mary Marsh,

*Mrs. Carrie E. Spore,
 Mrs. Mary Winegardner.

PALESTINE No. 5.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Sarah A. Emmons, Palestine.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Martha J. Hughes.
Past President.....	*Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Sallie Freeman,

Mrs. Mary A. Lindsay.

MONMOUTH No. 6.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Minnie Gossett, Monmouth.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Nettie Emmerst.
Past President.....	Mrs. Emma Herdman.
" ".....	*Mrs. Anna Morgan.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Anna Eby,

Flora Smiley.

BLOOMINGTON No. 7.

Corps President.....	*Mrs. Mary Davisson, Bloomington.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Elen Ives.
Past President.....	Mrs. Fleta Stahl.
" ".....	Mrs. Sade Rowley.
" ".....	Mrs. Dora Myers.

Delegates.

Mrs. Gertrude L. Fifer,
 *Mrs. Austis Jones,
 Mrs. Mattie Newton,
 Mrs. C. F. Webb,

Alternates.

*Miss Anna Richardson,
 Mrs. Elizabeth Bowlby,
 Mrs. Mattie Orner,
 Mrs. Mary E. Livingston.

QUINCY, No. 8. (COL. SHAW, Colored.)

Corps President.....Mrs. Lucy A. Henson, Quincy.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Emily Wyatt.

Delegate.

Mrs. Emily Wyatt,

Alternate.

Mrs. M. J. Morgan.

CANTON No. 9.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Jennie Robbins, Canton.
 Senior Vice-President.....*Mrs. E. Harter.
 Past President.....Mrs. M. J. Tanquary.

Delegates.

Mrs. Charity Lingenfelter,
 Mrs. Rebecca Gibson.

Alternates.

Mrs. Ella Prentice,
 Mrs. Jennie Hindson.

AURORA, No. 10.

Corps President.....Mrs. Rebecca Lewis, Aurora.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. C. A. Woodard.
 Past President.....*Mrs. Clara Harral.
 " ".....Mrs. Ella Scroggs.

Delegates.

*Mrs. Myra Stalp,
 *Mrs. Mary Hawley,

Alternates.

Mrs. Jennie Walker,
 Mrs. Fannie Sill.

PRINCEVILLE, No. 11.

Corps President.....Mrs. Dora E. Carmen.
 (No representation.)

PEORIA, No. 12.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Sue M. Simpson, Peoria.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Martha A. Cummins.
 Past President.....Mrs. Marian A. Mann.
 " ".....*Mrs. Ellen Ziegler.
 " ".....Mrs. Kizzie M. Flint.

Delegates.

*Mrs. Josie H. Minnemyer,
 Mrs. Martha A. Cummins,
 *Mrs. Dell A. Clark,

Alternates.

Mrs. Augusta A. Gragg,
 Mrs. Laura M. Rittenhouse,
 *Mrs. Sue Easton.

CHILLICOTHE, No. 13.

Corps President.....Mrs. Inez T. Nelson.
 Past President.....*Mrs. Almira Blossom.

Delegate.

*Mrs. Jennie Cunningham,

Alternate.

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CHICAGO, No. 14. (JOHN BROWN, Colored.)

Corps President.....	Mrs. N. Burton.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. E. Jackson.
Past President.....	*Mrs. Agnes Moody.
“ “	Mrs. Hettie Reed.
“ “	Mrs. Frances A. Powell.

Delegate.

Miss Gertrude Jackson.

Alternate.

Mrs. Vinton Davis.

PONTIAC, No. 15.

Corps President.....	*Mrs. Lizzie D. Gibson.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Alice Tindall.
Past President.....	*Mrs. Mary K. Holtzman.
“ “	*Mrs. Eliza Torrence.

Delegates.

*Mrs. Annie E. C. Williams,
*Mrs. Alice Harding.

Alternates.

Mrs. Elizabeth Blackmore,
Mrs. Lillian Tanquary.

MORRIS, No. 16.

Corps President.....	*Miss Jennie Bross.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Jerusha Davis.

Delegates.

*Mrs. Lida J. Elerding,
*Mrs. Mary R. Fletcher.

Alternates.

Mrs. Mary C. Hitchcock,
Mrs. Jennie M. Johnson.

SPRINGFIELD, No. 17, (STEPHENSON).

Corps President.....	*Mrs. Esther Woods, Springfield.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Kittie Weaver.
Past President.....	*Miss Josephene P. Cleveland.
“ “	*Mrs. Mary E. Hughes.
“ “	*Mrs. Mary J. Stadden.
“ “	*Mrs. L. S. Cantwell, (Corps No. 63.)

Delegates.

*Mrs. L. L. Swigert,
*Mrs. Lida Oldroyd,
*Mrs. Mary E. Iles.

Alternates.

Mrs. Hattie E. Manlove.,
Mrs. Frank Nafow,
Mrs. Eva Munson Smith

SYCAMORE, No. 18.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Lucy C. Beach, Sycamore..
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Maria Briggs.
Past President.....	Mrs. Lettie Burst.

Delegate.

*Mrs. Mary Ward.

Alternate.

Mrs. Maria Briggs.

GALVA, No. 19.

Corps President.....	*Mrs. Charity Nichols, Galva.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Lottie P. Milchrist.
Past President.....	Mrs. Lottie P. Milchrist.

Delegate.

Mrs. Emma M. Dorr.

Alternate.

Mary A. Calhoun.

LITCHFIELD, No. 20.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett, Litchfield.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Florence Blankely.
Past President.....	Mrs. Abigail Hood.
" ".....	Mrs. Mollie Machler.
" ".....	Mrs. Lulu Richmond.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Alma Hayes.

Mrs. Estella Evans.

FARMER CITY, No. 21.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Elsie Farmer, Farmer City.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Jennie Luddington.
Past President.....	Mrs. Jennie Luddington.
" ".....	Mrs. S. A. Canfield.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Kate Wilson.

NUNDA, No. 22.

Corps President.....	*Mrs. Emma C. Beckley, Nunda.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Virginia England.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Mila Hubbard.

Mrs. Fannie Dike.

CHICAGO, No. 23, (MULLIGAN.)

Corps President.....	*Mrs. M. I. Sandes, Chicago.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Mary Tucker.
Past President.....	Mary L. Vincent, M. D.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Emma R. Wallace.

Mrs. Mary Tucker.

GIBSON CITY, No. 24.

Corps President.....	*Mrs. Marilla Ward, Gibson City.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Nancy A. Dungan.
Past President.....	*Mrs. M. A. Damon.
" ".....	*Mrs. Hattie Collier.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

Mrs. Libbie Collier.

*Mrs. Ollie Lott.

Mrs. Phebe Lowry.

*Mrs. Lizzie Hankins.

OLNEY, No. 25.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Eugenia Schifferstein, Olney
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Malinda Horner.
Past President.....	Mrs. Cade Knoph.
" ".....	Mrs. Sarah Higgins.
" ".....	Mrs. Alice E. Goddard.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

(None sent.)

LACON, No. 26.

Corps President	*Mrs. Sarah D. Green, Lacon.
Senior Vice-President	Mrs. Harriet Curtiss.
Past President	*Mrs. Mary P. Gale.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Eliza Grieves.

Mrs. Libbie Halsey.

KEITHSBURG, No. 27.

Corps President	Mrs. E. L. Baker, Keithsburg.
Senior Vice-President	Mrs. E. Gray.
Past President	Mrs. R. A. McManus.
" "	Mrs. M. J. Olcott.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Miss Josie Calhoun.

Mrs. E. Gray.

MOLINE, No. 28.

Corps President	*Mrs. Hattie H. Morgan, Moline.
Senior Vice-President	Mrs. Mary Parker.
Past President	Mrs. Laura McKeever.
" "	Mrs. Laura Clendenin.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

(None sent.)

ROSEVILLE, No. 30.

Corps President	Mrs. Fannie Blazier, Roseville.
Senior Vice-President	Mrs. Flora Peters.
Past President	*Mrs. E. E. Tolbott.
" "	Mrs. Adelaide Blair.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Rebecca Davis.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lape.

MAGNOLIA, No. 31.

Corps President	*Mrs. S. Van Horne, Magnolia.
Senior Vice-President	Mrs. Emma Coe.
Past President	Mrs. Nellie Taylor.
" "	Mrs. Ann Brenn.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Hattie B. Rolley.

Miss Laura B. Brenn.

AUGUSTA, No. 32.

(Organized, May, 1888.)

Corps President	Mrs. Martha Finley, Augusta.
Senior Vice-President	Mrs. Emma Sickles.
Past President	*Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, (Corps 15.)
" "	Mrs. Alice B. Catlin.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Miss Mary V. Mead.

Mrs. Annie B. Compton,

PECATONICA, No. 33.

Corps President	*Mrs. Nellie Stitzel, Pectatonica.
Senior Vice-President	Mrs. Lizzie Wells.
Past President	Mrs. M. L. Jordan.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Miss Sarah Rogers.

MACOMB, No. 34.

Corps President.....Mrs. Rhoda J. Case, Macomb.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Sarah Newton.
 Past President.....Mrs. Carrie B. Karr.
 " ".....Mrs. Catherine Lemmer.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

Eloise Morris,
 *Ellen McGuire.

Tina R. Martin,
 *Elizabeth Eyre.

DEHAVAN, No. 35.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Hortense McKinstry, Delevan.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Jennie Roberts.
 Past President.....*Mrs. Sue A. Sanders.
 " ".....Mrs. Ella Cobean.
 " ".....*Mrs. Carrie Briggs.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Alice Eggleston.

Emily Cobean.

GARDNER, No. 36.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Harriet La Force, Gardner.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Mary Eldred.
 Past President.....*Mrs. Mary Eldred.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Kate Johnston.

Miss Millie Colstock.

SUMNER, No. 37.

Corps President.....Mrs. Emma Stevens, Sumner
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Maggie Carey.
 Past President.....Mrs. Belle May.
 " ".....Mrs. Lizzie Dumphy.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mollie Bunn.

Emma Johnson.

WAUCONDA, No. 38.

Corps President.....Mrs. Frances Acker, Waueonda.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Maria Powers.
 Past President.....Mrs. Viola Woods.
 " ".....Mrs. Laura Cook.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Maria Powers,

*Miss Cora Powers.

SHAWNEETOWN, No. 39.

Corps President.....Mrs. Sarah B. Martin.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Amelin Colvard.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

(None sent.)

ELMWOOD, No. 40.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Kate Hiatt, Elmwood.
Senior Vice-President.....	*Mrs. Ellen McFarland.
Past President.....	Mrs. Ellen McFarland,

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

(None sent.)

ALBANY, No. 41.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Mary H. Snyder, Albany.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Etta Yohn.
Past President.....	Mrs. Mary A. Lisk.
".....	Mrs. Experience Sayre.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Sophia Suiter.

Mrs. Elizabeth Snyder.

HARRISBURG, No. 42.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Hattie Mitchell, Harrisburg.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Nannie Casto.
Past President.....	Mrs. Kate Pickett.
".....	Mrs. R. Dunham.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Fannie Hibbets.

Mrs. Susan Weidemann.

LEROY, No. 43.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Nellie King, LeRoy.
Senior Vice-President.....	*Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson.
Past President.....	Mrs. Alexine H. Murray.
".....	Mrs. Hattie D. DeVeney.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Josephine Brown.

Mrs. Lida K. Tuthill.

FREEPORT, No. 44.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Julia B. Devore, Freeport.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Maria Runner.
Past President.....	Mrs. Carrie B. Taylor.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Alice Kauffman,

Mrs. Mary Gale.

STERLING, No. 45.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Laura Haskell, Sterling.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Lida M. Ross.
Past President.....	*Mrs. Phebe Mann.
".....	*Mrs. Jennie G. Harrison.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Fannie Van Horne,

Mrs. Emma Tuttle.

RIDGE FARM, No. 46.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Maggie Baum, Ridge Farm.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Sue Barrick.
Past President.....	Mrs. Lydia B. Pierce.
".....	Mrs. Mary H. Brady.

Delegate.
Mrs. Mary F. Dicken,

Alternate.
Mrs. Sarah Baum.

QUINCY, No. 47.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Electa L. Finley.
Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Mary E. Braden.
Past President.....*Mrs. Georgia Berry.
" ".....*Mrs. Laura E. Distin.

Delegates.
*Mrs. Helen F. Bristol,
Mrs. Eugenia Follensbee,

Alternates.
Mrs. Catherine E. Fenton,
Mrs. Angie Mays.

CASEY, No. 48.

Corps President.....Mrs. Esther M. Kelley, Casey.

Delegates.

Alternates.

(None sent.)

HAMILTON, No. 49.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Mary R. McLellan, Hamilton.
Senior Vice-President.....Miss Anna Boyce.

Delegate.
*Miss Nettie Smith.

Alternate.
Mrs. S. P. Githens.

OQUAWKA, No. 50.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Florence E. Boden, Oquawka
Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Elmira Boatman.
Past President.....*Mrs. Mary J. White.
" ".....*Mrs. Jane Watson.

Delegates.
*Mrs. Florence Green,
*Mrs. Lottie Herbertz,

Alternates.
Mrs. Sarah Hand.
Mrs. Lulu Hand.

MACKINAW, No. 51.

Corps President.....Mrs. Jennie D. Whistler, Mackinaw

Delegates.

Alternates.

(None sent.)

MARENGO, No. 52.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Minerva Ryder, Marengo,
Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Hattie Loomis.
Past President.....Mrs. Hattie Loomis.
" ".....Mrs. Louisa Green.

Delegate.
*Mrs. Leonora Nickerson.

Alternate.
Mrs. Mary Belden.

BELLAIR, No. 53.

Corps President.....Mrs. Mary Leaman, Bellair.
Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Katie Tuttle.
Past President.....Mrs. Viola Parsons.

Delegate.
Mrs. Mary Shook,

Alternate.
Mrs. Mary Furguson.

ARCOLA, No. 54.

Corps President.....Mrs. Fene E. Collins.
 Senior Vice-President
 Past President Mrs. Nellie M. Bassett.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Amanda Beggs,

Mrs. Jennie Hewitt.

SPARTA, No. 55.

Corps President.....Mrs. S. Annie Deitrich, Sparta.
 Senior Vice-President*Miss Lida Bottom.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Amanda J. Coldwell,

Mrs. Lida Bottom.

STOCTON, No. 56 (MORSEVILLE.)

Corps President.....Mrs. Rachel V. Nash, Stocton P. O.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

(None sent.)

SAYBROOK, No. 57.

Corps President.....Mrs. Kate Atkinson, Saybrook.
 Senior Vice-President Mrs. Eliza Green.
 Past President Mrs. Betsey Hurley.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Mary J. Rowen,

Mrs. Eliza Green.

SPRINGFIELD, No. 58 (JOHN BROSS, Colored).

Corps President.....*Mrs. M. Jackson, Springfield.
 Past President Mrs. Susie C. Davis.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Julia Duncan,

Mrs. Laura Bradford.

EARLVILLE, No. 59.

Corps President.....Mrs. Ida Tillman.
 Senior Vice-President*Mrs. Josephine Kelly.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Josephine Kelly.

Mrs. Rebecca Dodge.

LAHARPE, No. 60.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Clara Barlow, LaHarpe.
 Senior Vice-President*Mrs. Mary Figley.
 Past President Mrs. Mary Cassel.
 " " Mrs. M. Adel Bryan.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Miss Birdie Figley,

Miss Maggie Campbell.

BYRON, No. 61.

Past President Mrs. M. J. Spaulding.

(Not entitled to representation).

WASHINGTON, No. 62.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Mary Farber, Washington.
Senior Vice-President	Mrs. Mattie Zinzer.
Past President.....	Mrs. Susie Alphonso.
"	Mrs. Mattie Zinser.

Delegate.

*Mrs. Martha Simpson,

Alternate,

Miss Lizzie Long.

ROBINSON, No. 63.

Corps President.....	*Mrs. Lucy Brigham, Robinson.
Senior Vice-President	Mrs. Flora Huls.
Past President	*Mrs. Sarah Browning.
"	Mrs. Hattie Carey.
"	Mrs. Emma Olwin.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

(None sent.)

MONTICELLO, No. 64.

Corps President.....	*Mrs. Mima Smith, Monticello.
Senior Vice-President	Mrs. Lizzie Pinkard.
Past President.....	*Mrs. Inez J. Bender.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

*Mrs. Flo Miller.

Mrs. Ida M. Taylor,

Miss Ellen Y. Knight,

*Mrs. Meecia Tateman.

CAMP POINT, No. 65.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Clementine Ross, Camp Point.
Senior Vice-President	Mrs. Ellen Bellen.
Past President	*Mrs. Artimesia Hall.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

*Mrs. Jane L. Craver,

Mrs. Mary Honnold,

*Mrs. Sarah Earl.

Mrs. M. J. Newman.

ROCK ISLAND, No. 66.

Corps President.....	Mrs. S. J. Heminway, Rock Island.
Senior Vice-President	Mrs. Melinda Norris.
Past President	Mrs. Marcilla Buck.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. S. J. Harris,

Mrs. Marcilla Buck.

METROPOLIS, No. 67. (Colored.)

Corps President.....	Mrs. Kate C. Pearson, Metropolis.
Senior Vice-President	Mrs. Celia Croninwell.
Past President	Mrs. Mary Robinson.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Frances Wilson.

BUSHNELL, No. 68.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Ida Duntley, Bushnell.
Senior Vice-President	*Mrs. Fanny Young.
Past President	Mrs. Fanny Young.

Delegate.

*Mrs. Jennie Melvin.

Alternate.

Miss Eunice Sutherland;

HOMER, No. 69.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Carrie Tinkham, Homer.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Phebe Ocheltree.
 Past President.....Mrs. Mattie Humrichouser.
 " ".....Mrs. Martha Dalby.

Delegate.

Mrs. Annie Hollis.

Alternate.

Mrs. Eva Gray.

CARTHAGE, No. 70.

Corps President.....Mrs. Sarah E. Taylor, Carthage.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Mary Riley.
 Past President.....Mrs. Mary Riley.
 " ".....Mrs. Ann Randolph.

Delegate.

*Mrs. Nellie Shultz.

Alternate.

Mrs. Etta Hubbs.

CHEBANSE, No. 71.

Corps President.....Mrs. Amanda N. Martin, Chebanse.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Villa Watson.

Delegate.

Mrs. Etta Wakeman.

Alternate.

Miss Effie Porch.

CHERRY POINT, No. 72. (CHRISMAN.)

Corps President.....Mrs. Lolo M. Cretors, Cherry Point.
 Senior Vice-President.....Miss Eva Bonner.
 Past President.....Mrs. Martha Wise.

Delegate.

*Miss Sadie Dinsmore,

Alternate.

Miss Eva Bonner.

BRIGHTON PARK, No. 73.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Emma Van Horne, Brighton
 Park.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Addie Williams.
 Past President.....Mrs. Mary J. Hutchinson.

Delegate.

Mrs. Annie Leggate.

Alternate.

Miss Grace L. Bloomer.

DEWITT, No. 74.

Corps President.....Mrs. Anna Harrold, DeWitt.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Amanda Sutton.
 Past President.....Mrs. Lorina Wilson.
 " ".....Mrs. Mary Armstrong.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

(None sent.)

BETHANY, No. 75.

Corps President.....Mrs. Phæbe Zuthrie, Bethany.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Elizabeth J. Mitchell.
 Past President.....Mrs. Elizabeth J. Mitchell.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

(None sent.)

DANVILLE, No. 76.

Corps President.....Mrs. Mary Jewell, Danville.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Martha Phillips.
 Past President.....Mrs. Sarah E. Wilkin.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

Mrs. Mattie Patterson,
 Mrs. Emma B. Withers.

Mrs. A. W. Heinley.
 Mrs. Laura Belle Zaiger.

COULTERSVILLE, No. 77.

Corps President.....Mrs. Mary M. McBride, Coulterville.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Ella S. Paul.
 Past President.....

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Elizabeth Peel.

Mrs. Emma Wirtz.

BEARDSTOWN, No. 78.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Charlotte McFillen, Beardstown.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Lizzie Osmer.
 Past President.....*Mrs. Julia Hare.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Addie Christiana.

*Mrs. Sarah Miller.

EQUALITY, No. 79.

Corps President.....Mrs. Lizzie McEvoy, Equality.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Sallie McIntyre.
 Past President.....Mrs. Fannie Rodgers.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Miss Lizzie McIntyre.

Mrs. Minnie Crest.

DEKALB, No. 80.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Sarah M. Snow, DeKalb.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Helen S. Evans.
 Past President.....Mrs. Matilda C. Sickles.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Miss Gertrude M. Shipp.

Miss Emma Fowler.

CHICAGO, No. 81. (GODFREY WEITZEL).

Corps President.....*Mrs. Lucretia Sammons, Chicago.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Cordelia Henson.
 Past President.....*Mrs. Charlotte E. Newburn.

Delegates.

*Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin,
*Mrs. Clara Stinson.

Alternates.

Mrs. Martha Gragg,
*Mrs. Clara A. Hayes.

EAST ST. LOUIS, No. 82.

Corps President.....Mrs. Clara B. Geary, East St. Louis.
Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Meloma Wilson.
Past President.....Mrs. Martha Hender.

Delegate.

Mrs. Ellen Malloy.

Alternate.

*Mrs. —, Chapman.

GENOA, No. 83.

Corps President.....Mrs. Emily Brown, Genoa.
Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Della Pierce.
Past President.....Mrs. Anna Slater.

Delegate.

Mrs. Lizzie Johnson.

Alternate.

Mrs. Eliza DeWolf.

FULTON, No. 84.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Lizzie E. Summers, Fulton.
Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Agnes A. Martindale.
Past President.....— — — — —.

Delegates.

*Mrs. Isophene Snyder,
Mrs. Sarah A. Dyer.

Alternates.

Mrs. Olivia Dano,
Mrs. Orissa Thurston.

BARRINGTON, No. 85.

Corps President.....Mrs. Cordelia Clark, Barrington.
Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Sarah Darwin.
Past President.....Mrs. Addie Selleck.

Delegate.

*Mrs. Anna Hollister.

Alternate.

*Mrs. Sarah C. Dickinson.

BONE GAP, No. 86.

(Organized, Feb 5, 1888.)

Corps President.....Mrs. Annie Miner, Bone Gap.

(No Delegate).

PARIS, No. 87.

Corps President.....Mrs. Belle Powell, Paris.
Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Anna Moore.
Past President.....Mrs. Rachel Culbertson.
“ “.....Mrs. Emma Elliott.

Delegate.

Mrs. Ellen Peabody.

Alternate.

Mrs. Rachel McCarty.

CAIRO No. 88.

Corps President.....*Mrs. S. E. Hannon, Cairo.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Nannie J. Alder.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. N. B. Thistlewood.

Mrs. H. H. Pardee.

SPRINGFIELD, No. 89. (MENDELL).

Corps President.....*Mrs. Lou. T. Guest, Springfield.
 Senior Vice-President.....*Mrs. Nannie E. Bell.
 Past President.....Mrs. Addie Ide.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Rachel Schwarburg.

Mrs. Emma Moxon.

NEW CANTON, No. 90.

Corps President.....Mrs. Orphia M. Atkinson, N. Canton.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Evaline O. Hurron.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Rowena House.

Mrs. Mary Gard.

BARRY, No. 91.

(Organized May, 1888.)

Corps President.....*Mrs. Celia A. Parker, Barry.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Alzina Wike.
 Past President.....*Mrs. C. Mell Hunt.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Addie Hadsell.

Mrs. Jennie Crandall.

CHICAGO, No. 92. (FARRAGUT).

Corps President.....*Mrs. Mary A. Whitney, Chicago.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Lizzie Newton.
 Past President.....*Mrs. Sophia A. Linscott.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

*Mrs. Mary Daniel.

Mrs. Lizzie Newton.

*Mrs. Nettie McGowan.

Mrs. Mary Bradshaw.

CENTRALIA, No. 93.

Corps President.....Mrs. Harriet Hoover, Centralia.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Mary M. I. Probst.
 Past President.....Mrs. Mattie M. Green.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Mary Sadler.

Mrs. Maggie Tyson.

MARSEILLES, No. 94.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Mary E. Stone, Marseilles.
 Senior Vice-President.....Celia Dewey.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Louise Shipman.

Sarah Butterfield.

CAIRO, No. 95 (Colored).

Corps President.....Mrs. Jennie Owens, Cairo.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Mary J. Baker.
 Past President.....Mrs. Alice M. Taylor.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Harriet Phelps.

Hannah Robinson.

DUQUOIN, No. 95. (Organized Jan. 1888.)

Corps President.....Mrs. Luretta J. Jones, DuQuoin.

(No delegates.)

PROPHETSTOWN, No. 97.

Corps President.....Mrs. Almara Cleveland, Prophetst'n.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Kate Timmerman.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

(None sent.)

BLANDINSVILLE, No. 98.

Corps President.....Mrs. Nellie Ballou, Blandinsville.
 Senior Vice-President.....Miss Sadie Hendeleiter.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

(None elected.)

KEWANEE, No. 99.

Corps President.....Mrs. Annie Miner, Kewanee.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Margaret Murchison.
 Past President.....Mrs. Margaret Murchison.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Jennie W. Ashley.

Mrs. Nellie Potter.

CLAYTON, No. 100.

Corps President.....Mrs. Catherine Thomas, Clayton.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Mary Dunlap.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. S. A. Anderson.

*Mrs. Julia A. West.

SIDEELL, No. 101.

Corps President.....Mrs. Sue Butler, Sidell.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

(None elected.)

HUTSONVILLE, No. 102.

Corps President.....Mrs. Evalyn Keys, Hutsonville.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

(None elected.)

HILLSBORO, No. 103.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Jennie Glenn, Hillsboro
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Jennie Truitt.
Past President.....	Mrs. M. M. Walsh.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Bettie Lammons.

Mrs. Hannah Truesdell.

POLO, No. 104.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Mary C. Griffin, Polo.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Lucy McCann.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Mary A. Woolsey.

Miss Vird E. Holmes.

MARSHALL, No. 105.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Rozena Nusbaum, Marshall.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Elizabeth Orendorff.
Past President.....	Mrs. Sarah G. Martin.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

(None elected).

MILLEDGEVILLE, No. 106.

Corps President.....	Mrs. E. Lampman, Milledgeville.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. A. Lee.
Past President.....	Mrs. Lizzie M. Spaulding.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Grace Wiley.

(None elected).

ONARGA, No. 107.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Sophronia Warren, Onarga.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Emma Palmer.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Emma Palmer.

(None elected).

CHICAGO, No. 108. (ABRAHAM LINCOLN).

Corps President.....	*Mrs. Minnie M. Kyle, Chicago.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Carrie Nichols.
Past President.....	*Mrs. Mary S. Ballinger.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Jennie B. Honison.

*Mrs. Delilah Crissinger.

JACKSONVILLE, No. 109.

Corps President.....	*Mrs. Matilda Tyrrell, Jacksonville
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Sarah Patterson.
Past President.....	Mrs. Mary E. Lane.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Maggie Melville.

Mrs. Mary E. Humphrey.

TAYLORVILLE, NO. 110.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Laura Meredith, Taylorville,
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Mira Logan.
Past President.....	Mrs. Emma Kitzmiller,

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Mollie J. Smith

Mrs. Sallie Morrison.

ROSSVILLE, No. 111.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Kate Lee, Rossville.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Harriet McElroy.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Miss Addie Shannan

Miss Ella Maurey.

GLASFORD, No. 112.

Corps President.....	Miss Ella Bache, Glasford.
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*Delegate.**Alternate.*

(None elected.)

PLANO, No. 113.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Alice Walker, Plano.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Mary Graham.
Past President.....	Mrs. Mira Smith.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Emma Duffey

Mrs. Alice Walker.

FLORA, No. 114.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Ella E. Blanchard, Flora.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Ella Shepherd.
Past President.....	Mrs. Elizabeth J. Burton.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Phoebe J. Tonney

*Mrs. Mary Rhinberger.

EDINBURG, No. 115.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Arinda Halford, Edinburg.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Mary M. Harrold.
Past President.....	Mrs. Ella Price.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Susan Cagle,

Miss Julia Hart.

STREATOR, No. 116.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Martha J. Bean, Streator.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Marion W. Howe.
Past President.....	*Miss Aggie Hall.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Jennie Ley.

Mrs. Josephine Carr.

WAUKEGAN, No. 117.

Corps President.....Mrs. Naney McArthur, Waukegan.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Emily Moulton.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Emma Fisher.

(None sent).

LINCOLN, No. 118.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Vesta Cadwallader, Lincoln.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Kittie Hoover.
 Past President.....Mrs. Grace Beach.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Salome F. Wilson.

Mrs. Susan Yates.

KANKAKEE, No. 119.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Helen Paddock, Kankakee.
 Senior Vice-President.....Miss M. Enyart.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

(None elected.)

ALBION, No. 120.

Corps President.....Mrs. Cassandra D. Strawn, Albion.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Annie Harris.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Anna M. Woods.

Mrs. Eva D. Strawn.

GALESBURG, No. 121.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Emily McCullough, Galesburg.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Kate Holton.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Nellie D. Parker.

*Mrs. Sarah Green.

ARMINGTON, No. 122.

Corps President.....Mrs. Mary Hieronymus, Armington.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Mary Albright.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. M. J. Maupin,

Mrs. Annie Hickey.

KIRKLAND, No. 123.

Corps President.....Mrs. Amelia Klock, Kirkland.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Ruth Williams.
 Past President.....Mrs. Mary A. Grant.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

(None sent).

—— No. 124.

Corps President.....—— ———

PAXTON, No. 125.

Corps President.....Mrs. Maggie H. Hutchinson, Paxton.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Rachel E. Smith.

BUDA, No. 126.

Corps President.....Mrs. Frances M. Dille.
 Senior Vice-President.....Mrs. Sarai Foster.

412—Of these 160 were present, and others were reported as on the way.

In reply to an inquiry the Department President announced that an alternate present could fill an absent delegate's place, subject to the usual rules of rank.

Mrs. Stadden asked permission to introduce the following; there being no objection it was granted:

“SPRINGFIELD, ILL., FEB. 20, 1889.

MRS. CAROLINE H. BELL,

Department President W. R. C., Milwaukee, Wis.

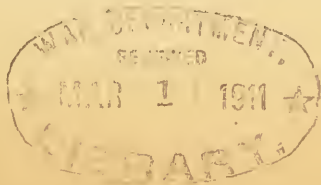
“Representing more than four thousand loyal women the Department Convention of Illinois greets their patriotic sisters of Wisconsin in convention assembled.”

Which was unanimously accepted, and the telegram dispatched by a messenger.

The reports of Department officers were declared next in order, and the Department President, Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, proceeded with her address, which was received with applause.

She prefaced her address by referring to the resolution passed last year, to the effect that hereafter all reports of Department Officers be furnished to the Secretary *at least ten days* before the convention, so they may be printed for distribution among the members. She regretted exceedingly that on account of delay on the part of some in sending their reports in time, that only three were yet printed, that all the copy had been distributed and partially printed; but it had to be called in to bring before the Convention for approval; and for this reason it might not be ready before the close of Convention. She urged, therefore, that in the future Department Officers make the effort to furnish their reports in ample time.

Mendell Corps, No. 89. presented Department President a lovely basket of flowers.



ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT.

*To the Members of the Sixth Annual Convention (Department of Illinois)
Woman's Relief Corps:*

LADIES—Reaching home February 18, 1885, fully appreciating the honor conferred upon me by the Fifth Department Convention, and but faintly realizing the responsibilities of the office, I began to prepare myself for an efficient discharge of its duties. Desirous of justifying the confidence reposed in me, I determined to devote without reserve whatever ability I might possess toward the advancement of this organization we all love, whose objects and principles we have pledged our honor to maintain.

With the work calling for uninterrupted action, it was necessarily somewhat delayed at the outset, owing to the scarcity of office supplies and the absence of department records.

PRINTING

Required prompt attention, as stationery was in immediate demand, a very meager supply having been transferred. An estimate was made of the probable amount needed for the year, and submitted to the different printing establishments for the purpose of receiving bids. Figures were received from Vidette Publishing Co., Springfield Journal, and others. The most desirable terms were offered by the Springfield Journal, and accepted, being fully 44 per cent. lower than the others.

RELIEF.

The penny fund, consisting of \$41.78, turned over to Department Treasurer at the close of last convention, was the only money set apart as Department Relief fund for the year. No limit was placed on its disbursement, and when brought before the Executive Board, Department President was authorized to give, at her discretion, to each applicant, not to exceed \$10. Under this arrangement \$30 have been expended, leaving a balance of \$11.78 still in the treasury.

Early in the year a communication was received from Maj. Rowland, Superintendent of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy, desiring to know what should be done with the \$38.00 in his possession, that had been contributed by the various Corps the previous year. At the time the money was contributed it was with the understanding that clocks were to be purchased for the cottages; but as the cottages were supplied, the Major's idea was to issue it in small sums to provide the inmates with some necessity for which no provision had been made.

The Executive Board approved the plan, and authorized Maj. Rowland to expend the money as he might think best. An itemized statement has been received and filed. His letter closes with these words: "These sums have all been paid for worthy objects, and if space would permit a statement of the details, I am satisfied the Corps would approve the disbursement."

More than one application for relief has been made to Department President by those living in other States, but whose husbands were Illinois soldiers. Gladly would we have responded to the call of these brave sons and daughters of Illinois who now live beyond our limits, but, as you all know, we had not the necessary fund from which to draw for such persons, however needy or deserving. [See recommendation No. 9.] When our Order shall have reached maturer years, we trust we will be in circumstances to reach out our full hands to their empty ones extended to us for aid in their hour of need. May the day soon dawn when the benefactions of the W. R. C. will call forth benedictions from the humble home of every soldier's family that looks to us for help.

ADJUSTMENTS.

Members of this department who are familiar with the proceedings of the Fifth Department Convention, remember the case of Arcola, No. 54, which came before the Department Council for settlement. An appeal taken was tabled, thus sustaining the Council, and rendering it necessary for the Department President to carry out their action. Accordingly, on April 5th, Corps No. 54 was officially notified of its suspension for six months, dating from the close of the convention, and five (5) of its members were censured for violation of their obligation of secrecy by making affidavits that they had cast black balls when balloting for certain candidates. Soon after their censure, and while under suspension, these five members (who were really responsible for the trouble in No. 54), and a few others, in a spirit of insubordination, formed themselves into a rival organization, thereby placing our suspended corps at a disadvantage. Thus peculiarly circumstanced, it naturally desired a removal of its suspension. The request, forwarded to the Department President, was laid before the Council, who advised that it be granted, and on August 7th the Department President was enabled to lift its suspension; but, feeling that the future success of the Corps depended upon a reorganization, she, at the same time, revoked its charter. Very soon an application for a new

charter was received, properly signed by the Post Commander, and on August 29th the Corps reorganized with its original name and number.

Before action was taken upon the application for a new charter, a few officious members of Arcola Post, who seemed not to be posted in the law which governs the G. A. R., sent a petition to the Department Commander asking his interference in this matter. The Commander courteously advised me to use my own judgment, as he was, doubtless, familiar with the action of the National Encampment held in San Francisco, in 1886, which I consider it important to quote, since a good many G. A. R. Posts, and some members of the W. R. C., seem oblivious to the fact that such action is contained in our records, or that such position was ever taken by the Grand Army. It is as follows:

"The Woman's Relief Corps, though auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, is yet a distinct and independent organization, and not subject to the control of any Department or Post. Any attempt by a Post to exercise affirmative jurisdiction over a Corps is without authority. Advisory action is the limit of both duty and authority."

What advice was given these members of Arcola Post is unknown to me, but this I know: The Corps was reorganized: it is harmonious and prosperous, having but recently added \$50.00 to its Relief Fund, and a letter received only a few weeks ago from the Commander of the Post shows that this Corps is appreciated.

"It is the unexpected that happens." Inasmuch as it was announced to our last convention that "Warren is forever settled," I was surprised to receive an application from aggrieved ladies of Corps No. 29 for a hearing, claiming that Department President had illegally revoked their charter. I was reminded that "the inverted pyramid will not stand," and that "things are never settled until they are settled right."

In response to an inquiry, the National President wrote me that "there is no case that can not be reopened by new evidence." Department Council, on consultation, gave its consent to investigate. Investigation showed that a few members of Post No. 315, influenced by a personal grievance, watched their opportunity, and at a meeting when only eighteen members were present, and without any previous notice that such action was contemplated, passed a resolution requesting Department President to revoke charter of No. 29. Out of a membership of more than eighty members in good stand-

ing (140, as recently given by the comrade who was then Adjutant), there were but nine who voted for the resolution. It was found that at the request of this small minority the charter was revoked, while Mrs. Kinne's general orders, which alone governed in this case, distinctly states: "When a Post requests the dissolution of its Auxiliary Corps, the official notification to the Department President of such desire shall not be considered—SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED—unless a MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS of the Post have so voted."

Had this law been observed, the official notification, although bearing the seal of the Post, would *not have been considered*, much less the charter revoked. When these facts, as found, were laid before the Department Council, it gave its assent to the restoration of the charter, which was restored December 28, 1888.

The Corps possessing once more its constitutional rights, and no longer degraded in the view of the community, and not wishing to remain auxiliary to a Post, a mere minority of whose members were antagonistic to it, took early steps for a surrender of their charter according to R. and R. By unanimous vote, after required notice, these praiseworthy members of Corps No. 29 *voluntarily* surrendered their charter February 9, 1889.

In this connection the Department President begs leave to suggest that our object is to build up, not to tear down; our safeguards should be used for the protection and preservation of even the weakest in our Order. "If a penny saved is a penny earned," a Corps saved is a Corps organized.

After our action had been taken, Post, No. 315, was pleased to send an appeal from the Department President's decision to be forwarded to the National President. As there was nothing in the paper to indicate that the appellants were "loyal women, of good moral character," and members in good standing in our order—nothing to show that they had the right of appeal, and feeling that we had enough to do in attending to our own affairs, and that those who are not members of our Order had no such right, their appeal was courteously returned.

Although "auxiliary," the W. R. C. is an independent organization, with its government and discipline all within itself. The G. A. R. have courteously and repeatedly declared us to be entirely free from all interference on the part of their order. Let us stand upon the ground which is conceded to be ours.

With hearts full of sympathy for the noble boys in blue, with hands ever ready to aid them in their hours of need, let us never be an annoyance or burden. Let it be understood we are capable and willing to manage our own organization, ever thankful for timely and friendly advice. Let us feel that ours is a government of the W. R. C. by the W. R. C., and that we are as independent as any order beneath the stars.

The inspector last year reported Col. Shaw, No. 8, of Quincy, "died last year." Imagine my astonishment when, a few days after convention, a letter was received from one of the members making inquiry about its reports, wishing to pay all dues and reinstate. Investigation proved it held its charter and all supplies it ever possessed. It was delinquent several quarters' dues, but had the money with which to pay the same.

It had labored under adverse circumstances to keep alive, but had no intention of dying. To reinstate required, on the part of each member, a great deal of self-sacrifice; being women of limited means—nearly all of them "bread-winners"—they were willing to tax themselves heavily to maintain their membership in the W. R. C. Knowing the circumstances, it was considered wise to aid and encourage them. Hence the Department President issued supplies that had been returned by a disbanded Corps and furnished officers' badges at reduced rates; and its last report shows marked improvement in its work.

GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

A steady, healthful growth has characterized our work this year, an encouraging increase in the number of Corps organized, and a marked development in efficiency among the older ones. Education must be made as prominent as organization if we would attain perfection. The report of the Department Secretary will give the statistics.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

Impressed with the necessity of more thorough education throughout the department, the advisability of sending out an instructor was considered. Owing to the reduction of *per capita* tax, the means for carrying on enlarged department work were insufficient. It was decided to call a school of instruction to more thoroughly, perfectly and uniformly prepare for inspection. The meeting of the Republican Convention in Springfield affording reduced railroad rates, that

time was chosen. Circular No. 1 was issued requesting "all who were willing to do so, *at their own expense*, to meet in the Supreme Court room in the Capitol May 3d, 1888. The time was limited for Corps to give this their consideration, but the number responding proved that there are earnest women in this department, willing and anxious to educate themselves in all that tends toward perfection in the W. R. C.

Their appreciation of our effort is shown in the resolution passed at that meeting, as follows:

"Knowing the lack of uniformity of work in Corps throughout the department, and feeling the need of more thorough instruction in the work of our Order, therefore

Resolved, That the thanks of this department be returned the Department President and Staff for calling this school of instruction, and we would recommend that it be repeated annually or semi-annually, as department officers may decide.

MARY A. BRADLEY, No. 4, Decatur.

MARY S. BALLINGER, No. 108, Chicago.

SUSIE C. DAVIS, No. 58, Springfield.

Committee.

It was the purpose of the Department President, in compliance with the spirit of this resolution, to call another school soon after the national convention, but this being campaign year and the country so thoroughly excited over political issues, all things else being considered secondary, nothing was done in this direction. A paper has reached headquarters from Corps No. 1, Rockford, approving such a school and asking that it be held each year at the same time and place as Department Convention. I trust this convention will not overlook their request.

INSPECTION.

The annual inspection, as fixed by National convention, is during the months of October and November. Our plans were matured, assistants appointed, and Corps assigned, so the work could begin the first day of that beautiful month; a feeling prevailed that the work would be completed within the time prescribed, but owing to circumstances over which the W. R. C. has no control, our plans were, to some extent, thwarted, as the campaign, most hotly contested, militated against us.

Frequently, when the inspector presented herself to the Corps President, she would, in tones of amazement, exclaim, "Our Corps can not be inspected to-day! I received no no-

tification of your coming, and we are not ready." The inspector would insist that notice was mailed at least a week previous, and Department President in General Order No. 6 had requested Corps to arrange for special meetings, if necessary, to accommodate the Inspector. The President's husband appearing upon the scene, was immediately questioned as to whether any letters belonging to his wife had been received and not delivered. In more than one instance the Inspector's notification was found safely stowed away in the husband's pocket, while he was engaged in the larger enterprise of selecting a Chief Executive of the Nation.

Anxious to have a thorough inspection of each Corps in this Department, it became necessary, because of these delays, to ask the National President to extend the time. The result is gratifying, and will be presented in detail by the Department Inspector, whose consolidated report received the following acknowledgment from the National Inspector: "The report of your Department Inspector received, and is excellent in every particular."

GENERAL ORDERS.

General Orders are issued by Department President as occasion may require, or the good of the Order demand. These *must be read and obeyed*. It has seemed necessary the past year to issue nine (9) General Orders and two (2) Circulars. Much time is required to prepare these, beside the expense of printing and sending out to each Corps; and, were it possible, I would emphasize the importance of a careful study of these orders. Being convinced that the Corps President should have a copy for reference at any time—even when about the household duties her mind is busy planning for official work—the plan of sending an extra copy for her use has been adopted, and we trust will bring grand results.

SERVICE-BOOKS.

An explanation is due regarding the revised Service-books. The delay in filling orders was not owing to negligence, but to the fact that the supply was not received by Department Treasurer until near the middle of January, thus rendering it necessary for many Corps to use their old books at installations. It is understood that the Burial Service will be issued in a separate volume adapted to the purpose, but when they will be ready for distribution I am not informed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence of the year has been mostly pleasant. In one Post a few captious persons betook themselves to correspond with Department President in a manner indicating a lack of information as to the relationship existing between the W. R. C. and the G. A. R.: their letters were promptly and politely answered, pointing out to them the fact that, although auxiliary, the W. R. C. is a distinct organization whose government is not from without but within itself. If Corps officers and members would study our laws in an intelligent and comprehensive manner, much of the correspondence would not occur: it would be a saving of time and expense to Department officers and Corps; a single letter often calling for hours of thoughtful research, and impressing the writer with the feeling that the office of President is no sinecure. The number of letters written within the twelve months exceeds 1,500.

MILES OF TRAVEL.

During the year not less than 8,000 miles have been traveled, less than 1,000 being at the expense of the Department.

BADGES.

Convention last year directed a suitable badge procured for the retiring Department President: a committee was appointed to secure the same, though no mention is made of it in the records of the convention.

This committee, in as speedy a manner as possible, performed the duty assigned them, and on April 23d information reached headquarters that the badge was ready. As before stated, the records making no mention of such committee, and the R. and R. stating that "the work for the year shall be done by the executive board," the matter was laid before them at our meeting in Aurora, May 22d. They ordered the money drawn for payment and expressed the desire that the Department President go to Delevan and present to the Past President this token of esteem. To comply with this request gave me pleasure. Arrangements were completed for a joint meeting of Post and Corps on June 14th, at which time, on behalf of the Department of Illinois, the pleasant task was performed.

The Fifth Annual Convention also ordered "an appropriate badge prepared for the next National Convention, which shall do honor to the State of Illinois."

This indefinite action threw the whole responsibility upon the Executive Board, whose diversified tastes harmonized in the choice of a Sucker Badge indicative of the State. This consists of a silver bar pin, with the word ILLINOIS; attached to this the red ribbon, with W. R. C., 1888, and a silver Sucker pendant. Especial mention should be made, in this connection, of the service rendered by Mrs. M. I. Sandes, who secured a genuine Sucker for the artist's use in the preparation of the badge.

OFFICIAL ORGAN.

As recommended last year, *The National Vidette* was made the official organ of this Department for the year. The Sixth National Convention took action as follows:

Resolved, That, inasmuch as there are so many Grand Army and Relief Corps papers and magazines, the National President or Department Presidents do not endorse any paper as an official organ; but that all papers be given as much of our work as possible."

It need hardly be stated that decisions given otherwise than over the signature of the presiding officer are not official.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

Our intercourse with the Department Commander and his subordinates, and Comrades everywhere, has been most pleasant. It is gratifying to be assured by Col. Sexton that he considers the W. R. C. entitled, "for their works' sake," to the esteem of all those for whose welfare we live and labor—an expression of his appreciation well designed to augment the interest and intimacy of Post and Corps, will possibly in due time gladden your hearts. The Commander has courteously and kindly assured us that he considered us amply able to manage the business of the W. R. C. Manifesting an interest in our work, he has shown no tendency to interfere with us in our discharge of duty, and I can only wish that his successor and mine may sustain a like relationship of undisturbed harmony.

The fraternal relations existing between the Sons of Veterans and the Grand Army are fully appreciated by the Relief Corps. Realizing that ere long the mantle of responsibility will rest upon the Sons, and the scale being reversed, they will become the protectors, instead of the protected. We have used our influence to encourage and advance their Order, and have ever received from them manifest appreciation.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Henry D. Dement, late Secretary of State, a commodious room in the state house was furnished Department Secretary for use as an office until the meeting of the Legislature, every way in keeping with the importance and dignity of our organization. Since that time a similar favor has been conferred upon the Department by Rev. Richard Edwards, LL. D., Superintendent of Public Instruction, to whom the thanks of this Department are hereby tendered. Also to Gen. John McNulta, Receiver of the Wabash Railway, and to Mr. E. T. Jeffery, of the Illinois Central, for courtesies in the way of transportation, enabling the Department President to prosecute the work and save to the Department many dollars.

To Messrs. J. G. Manlove and J. S. Hicks, for headquarters' car and transportation to National Convention.

To Stephenson Post, No. 30, for services rendered Department officers as escort to National Convention; the delay of railroad trains and crowded condition of all depots greatly enhanced the value of their services.

To Mrs. Mary J. Stadden, whose "little room" was ever at our disposal, and whose cordial hospitality will ever be cherished among the pleasant memories of this Department year.

To all Department Aides who rendered such efficient service at Illinois headquarters during National Convention, I return my warmest thanks.

SUGGESTIONS.

My nearly five years' experience and observation has led me to believe that comparatively few of our members realize their responsibility in the use of the *black ball*. While it is the privilege of every member to express an opinion in this way, she should remember that eligibility to membership in the W. R. C. consists in being a "loyal woman, of good moral character," and a member can not cast a black ball against an eligible person without violating our R. & R. Too many allow personal prejudice to influence them in this matter, and after abusing their privilege, often violate their obligation by stating what they have done; that is each member's own secret, and her self-respect and personal pride should help her keep it.

In this, and in all other matters pertaining to our work, let us not forget our obligation of secrecy.

The Chicago *Journal* of April 2d, criticising the Woman's Council held in Washington the week previous, uses the following language: "There is one important thing in which women are still untutored; they can not conduct public movements without showing inefficiency, insubordination, childish petulance, jealousies and back-bitings that are disgraceful."

Profiting by this criticism from an influential source, "let us study the things that make for peace, and things whereby one may edify another." May the proceedings of this Convention be transacted in the exercise of that "Charity that thinketh no evil, * * * beareth all things, * * * hopeth all things, endureth all things." "Whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

RECOMMENDATIONS.

After a year's experience as executive of this Department, I beg leave to submit to this convention a few recommendations which present themselves as important to the success and advancement of our work:

First—That the *per capita* tax be restored to ten cents per member, beginning with the second quarter. Department expenses are constantly increasing as our order advances.

Second—That the action of last Convention, requiring the payment of one dollar (\$1.00) for granting a Dispensation, be repealed.

Third—That the Department work be not delayed, the retiring Department Secretary be required to convey to her successor a copy of the approved minutes of Convention within ten days after its close; an occupant goes and an occupant comes, but the office remains forever.

Fourth—That each Department officer be furnished with a copy of Beath's Blue Book, Ritual, Rules and R's, during her term of office, to revert with office the same as badge.

Fifth—That it shall be the duty of retiring Department Officers to hand over to their successors the unused stationery, for immediate use in carrying on correspondence, and not compel haste in procuring the year's supply.

Sixth—As by the reduction of *per capita* tax the salary of the Department Secretary and Treasurer were correspondingly reduced, and as the revision of blanks increased the work of the Department Secretary, requiring each quarter

the insertions in red ink, besides other increased labor, that this Convention vote a sum additional to that already paid the Department Secretary for her additional labor the past year.

Seventh—That this Convention, when selecting delegates to the National convention, elect those only who are willing to pledge to this Convention they will be present at the sessions and attend closely to business till the Convention closes. The basis of representation is one (1) delegate to eight hundred (800) members—feeling that every lady placed in nomination knows her circumstances, and if not able to attend should decline an election.

Eighth—That this Department adopt the Sucker Badge for National Conventions, as in this way all remaining can be utilized the next year by simply changing the ribbons, which can be done at a trifling expense.

Ninth—That this Convention set apart a sum as a Department Relief Fund, in compliance with R. and R., Chapter V, Article IX, which reads: "A relief fund shall be established by each Department Convention, to be disbursed by the Department President through the regular channels."

CONCLUSION.

In rendering this account of my stewardship, I have tried not to encroach upon the rights of the other officers, considering them able to report satisfactorily, and in detail, the work of their respective offices.

The record of the year I place in your hands. Sleepless nights and wearisome days have been counted as nothing in the performance of the duties of the office you entrusted to me one year ago. It will be with a feeling of relief, of pleasure and of honorable pride that I transfer to my successor the insignia of this office, conscious of the fact that to the best of my ability its duties have been discharged: wherein I have failed, I feel that I merit the consideration and belief that my best efforts were put forth for the advancement of the W. R. C.: and I ask no higher commendation than to hear my appreciating sisters say, "She hath done what she could."

To the Department officers who have been associated with me, I wish to tender my thanks for the generous confidence reposed in me, and express to you my appreciation of your able efforts and cheerful coöperation. The pleasant and intimate associations with you Department Treasurer and Secretary are soon to be severed, but the memory of these will

ever remain; and in coming days I expect to sing—amid my household cares:

“ Still o’er these scenes my memory wakes,
And fondly broods with miser care!
Time but the impression stronger makes,
As streams their channels deeper wear.”

I should feel I had been remiss in duty did I not render to you especial thanks for your kindly consideration and wise counsel. This convention closes Miss Carlton’s second term of service as Department Treasurer, during which she has attained toward perfection.

Miss Cleveland’s work as Department Secretary needs no word of commendation from me. Eminently fitted by previous training for clerical service, she brought with her an experience invaluable to this Department. Unselfish and untiring in her labors, her accurate reports have received merited praise from the National Secretary, while her quiet effort for the upbuilding of weak Corps must be known to be appreciated. With pleasure we state that several Corps, discouraged almost to the extent of surrendering their charters, have called from her such letters of explanation and encouragement that they have been induced to reconsider, and are now among the efficient.

Let me impress upon this entire Department that, to ameliorate the condition of those who did all, dared all, and endured all that our country might live, is one of our grand purposes—an object surely on which angelic beings might look with complacency, and the eyes of Love might gaze with rapture not sprung of earth.

Moved by patriotic impulses; growing in numbers, knowledge, wisdom and strength, and commending ourselves to each other, and to others, by the beautiful exhibition of a Fraternal, Charitable and Loyal spirit, let the Department of Illinois achieve a greatness in keeping with the State immortalized by the names of Lincoln, Grant, Logan, and multitudes of others not unknown to fame. Let every delegate carry to her Corps the thanks of the retiring President for loving service rendered; and again assuring you, fellow-workers, of my love and appreciation, I say, in the language of another—

“ No cold adieux, no farewell lives within our parting sigh,
But the warmest thought and feeling gives—God bless you all! Good-bye.”

SARAH M. BRADFORD,
Department President.

Miss Cleveland, Department Secretary, announced that she would sign the certificates issued by the various railroads to persons attending the convention, during the noon recess.

On motion adjourned to 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—FIRST DAY.

Convention called to order at 2 P. M., the Department President in the chair.

The conductors found all members in possession of the password, save Mrs. Chapman, of East St. Louis. She was vouched for by Mrs. House, of New Canton, and received it from Department President.

The Senior Vice President then read the following admirable report:

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

OFFICE OF SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT,

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS, W. R. C.,

PALESTINE, ILL., Feb. 8, 1889.

MISS JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND,

Secretary Department Ill., W. R. C.:

I fully realize the honor conferred upon me by the Fifth Department Convention, and in obedience to the rules and regulations of our Order, I have the pleasure of presenting, through you, to the Sixth Annual Convention my report as Senior Vice-President, Department of Illinois.

Knowing it to be the duty of the Department Vice-President to assist the President by counsel or otherwise, I have endeavored to hold myself in readiness to fill the obligation of my office, and by the request of our Department President I have cheerfully assisted in all lines of work, by correspondence or otherwise. My love for, and anxiety in, the prosperity and growth of our Order ever since the organization of our Department, has been such that I have made it a rule to respond to every call, no matter how laborious that duty might be.

You will see by the I. and I. officer's report that I have during the last year been called to institute five corps, viz.: Thomas Markley, No. 102, at Hutsonville, Feb. 24, 1888, with 14 charter members. (This application for charter was sent to Department headquarters a short time before last

convention, but on account of some misunderstanding on the part of the committee the organization was not perfected until the above date.) Wm. B. Archer, No. 105, at Marshall, April 3, 1888, with 28 charter members. Alexander, No. 114, at Flora, May 23, 1888, with 41 charter members. Albion, No. 120, at Albion, Nov. 2, 1888, with 29 charter members. Bone Gap, No. 86, at Bone Gap, Jan. 9, 1889, with 12 charter members; thus 124 members initiated, and I am happy to say, as far as I know, are all doing good work. When we remember there are over 600 Posts in this Department, it brings to mind that there is a vast amount of work yet to do, for we feel that the time is not far distant when every Post will become more fully acquainted with the objects of our Organization, and desire an auxiliary to assist them in their grand mission of charity.

I received an appointment as Assistant Inspector on the nomination of Mrs. Bender, Department Inspector for the following Corps: Nos. 42, 88, 95, 67, 39, 79, 37, 25, 114, 93, 63, 102, 105, 48 and 53, making in all fifteen Corps, which took almost three weeks' constant travel to reach, on account of the large territory to travel over,—but the fraternal greeting I received everywhere will ever be remembered by me as bright spots through life's journey. But what pleased me most was to hear of good work done, of the large amount of relief extended to needy soldiers and their widows and orphans, not alone in dollars and cents, but in the many ways in which women know how to assist the needy. Some Corps had paid the burying expenses of needy soldiers' wives, as the soldier is not to lie in a Potter's field, neither will his wife nor children, wherever there exists a Post or Corps. I want to say here that there were only two things I found that were detrimental to Corps work: one was, Corps being organized without having all the necessary supplies on hand when instituted, thereby the Secretary and Treasurer failing to get the proper instructions from I. and L. officer. The other was non-attendance at regular Corps meetings; thus failing, in some instances, to keep up regular meetings, on account of not having a quorum. If all officers would remember and strictly live up to their obligations of office, Corps would seldom, if ever, fail to have a quorum; and I think that every member should duly consider the obligation of office before she accepts an office, for no Corps can live and do good work unless the officers and members are faithful in attendance. And while we recommend all Corps to adopt some parliamentary practice,

we think it would be well for the Department Convention to set the example by adopting some manual of parliamentary practice—Cushing's is good, also Roberts.' But whatever the Convention decides upon, let it be universal, all Corps adopting and using the same.

It was my privilege and duty, having been detailed by the presiding officer, Mrs. Lois W. S. Holbrook, to fill the Senior Vice-President's chair, *pro tem.*, at the first Department Convention, when the W. R. C. of this Department was organized at Decatur, Ill., January 30, 1884. Therefore, I had the honor and pleasure of helping initiate our much-beloved army nurse, Mrs. Annie Wittenmeyer, into the Woman's Relief Corps. When we look back over the five years, and realize the wonderful growth of our Order, the grand work accomplished, the thousands of soldiers cared for, the widow's heart made glad, the orphan clothed and educated, the army nurse assured in her declining years that she has friends indeed, we can but rejoice that we have been called and permitted to assist, as an organization, one of the grandest charitable organizations on earth, the "*Grand Army of the Republic.*"

While it is true that every soldier should receive ample compensation from the government he served so well, for services rendered, thus enabling him to keep his family around his own hearth stone, such is not, alas, the case. When will our law makers learn to practice the Golden Rule, "to do unto others as you would have others do unto you." The State has generously provided a home for the needy soldiers and the soldiers' orphans, but where is the home for the soldier's wife? Echo answers, where? Must the wife and mother, broken down with hard labor and many cares while her husband was on the battle field, who endured more than human tongue can tell, go to the alms-house? *Heaven forbid.* Can we not as a body of women devise some means of reaching our legislative halls, by petition or otherwise, asking for the much needed home for the needy soldier's wife and mother in the State of Illinois?

I attended the National Convention at Columbus, Ohio, was present at every session from the beginning to the close of the convention, and I am proud that I can say that we have women in our organization that are able to fill any station in life. I was well pleased with the reception given by the citizens of Columbus, and especially "Well's Corps." The Grand Army procession was immense. Marion, Ohio, being my childhood home, I eagerly watched for familiar faces, but Oh,

how changed from the beardless boys I saw marching through the streets to the music of fife and drum 28 years ago.

In conclusion, I desire to express my sincere thanks to the Department President for the confidence and trust reposed in me, and to the Department Secretary for the many courtesies shown, to the Department Treasurer for promptness, to the entire staff and membership for love and kindness extended me.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. and L.,

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

Senior Vice-President, Dept. III.

Report of Department Junior Vice President was read by Secretary:

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 1889.

Our President requested me to give a report of my year's work, but as I have had so little to do, there is hardly a foundation to work upon.

Beginning with my own Corps, No. 14—withdrawals, none, discharges none; number in good standing, 30.

In Treasurer's report I find our Corps fund amounts to \$15; relief fund, \$5—total, \$20.

I have received during the year, fifty letters, and answered forty.

I was called by the President to Springfield to inspect John Bross Corps, No. 58, and Stephenson Corps, No. 17. Found both in good working order, and spent the time very pleasantly while there.

We are sorry to say that in Corps No. 14 we have been called upon to mourn the loss, by death, of two of its beloved members. One the daughter of our brave and genial Commander Reed, whose pleasant face and noble bearing so many of the ladies of the Convention will remember, and whose loss was mourned so deeply by our Post and Corps.

I am glad to see the great work steadily progressing, and it does one good to see that we are at last becoming so thoroughly recognized by the members of the G. A. R.

Let our motto ever be "Onward and Upward," and in the end our good deeds may be rewarded by our Heavenly Father.

Yours, in F., C. and L.

OPHIE C. WELLS, J. V. P., W. R. C.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SECRETARY.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., FEB. 9, 1889.

MRS. SARAH M. BRADFORD,

Department President W. R. C.:

MY DEAR MADAM—In compliance with our Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to submit to you, and through you to the Sixth Department Convention, the report of the Department Secretary's office, showing the membership and condition of the Order during the current year.

Realizing the honor and confidence you have bestowed upon me in my appointment, and determined not to rely entirely upon what I thought the best way to perform the duties I sought and obtained valuable advice from one far more experienced than I, whose tender heart and ready pen responded promptly and cheerfully to my every call—I need hardly say, to Mrs. Arnilla A. Cheney, then National Secretary. I may not have been an overapt scholar, but I have tried to do my duty, upon my honor as a woman and a member of our loved Order.

The Fifth Convention closing its session late in the week, every member felt necessitated to return home immediately, and I was confronted with a rickety trunk, far too small for its valuable contents, and containing (I now know) much which should have long before been destroyed: hence Recommendation One (1).

After taking an inventory, and studying from the outside and inside the use and purport of certain blanks found, and these an assortment of only a few, for the supply for even the first quarter's use was meagre, I thankfully received permission to accompany the Department President on her trip to the President and Secretary of the past administration, to obtain more light upon Department work: but, we being in Delavan, and the supplies in the trunk in Springfield, the use of many of them could not so well be explained, some not even coming to mind at the time; hence Recommendation Two (2).

I will here add my thanks to the President and Secretary of the past administration for the courtesy and instruction they then gave to me, with kind promises of more. I must also confess to some stupidity on *my* part that I did not detect the Roster for 1888, prepared so carefully by Mrs. Cobean for the use of the incoming Secretary; but by its

being with supplies of disbanded Corps, and not mentioned, I did not find it for months. This hindered me somewhat, but I soon made up a mailing list from the election returns, and work flooded thick and fast upon me.

By revision of Secretary's blank (Form A) it became necessary to put in red ink the number left in good standing on last quarter's report. This, with issuing two to each Corps, made not a little work, but where there is a will there is a way, and with the valuable assistance of Department President, this was soon mastered.

I found on the records—

Corps in the Department to the number of.....	100
Delinquent for fourth quarter, 1887.....	20
Corps in good standing.....	80

Of the above 20, seven were new organizations, but nevertheless delinquent, as by national instructions new Corps must render a report and pay per capita tax for the quarter in which they are instituted.

Of the 13 remaining, Corps Nos. 13, 38, 51, 71, 83, 88, and 93 were knowingly delinquent, but reinstated during the first quarter, 1888. Warren No. 29, charter revoked; Arcola No. 54, "suspended for cause" six months from Feb. 18, to Aug. 18, 1888; Hudson No. 91, sick; Lawn Ridge No. 32, dying; Col. Shaw No. 8; Quincy (colored), dead; Brown No. 61, lost, and Moawqua No. 86, "not organized."

Since, however, the faint-hearted Corps have taken courage, struggled on, sometimes delinquent, but have invariably been reinstated; and I am happy to say most of them are now in good working order, even Mackinaw, No. 57, for whom national clemency recommended that, for the good of the Order, should, with the consent of Department President, be permitted to reinstate with "8" members, which resulted in encouragement, and they soon had five members ready for initiation. Arcola, No. 54, "suspended for cause," had its suspension lifted and charter revoked, plucked up courage, reorganized, and is now composed of earnest workers in the good cause. So, also, Col. Shaw, No. 8, died. By a mesmeric influence imparted by the Department President, new life was imparted, and they are, and have been since, in good standing and reasonably prompt in their reports. Lawn Ridge, No. 32, and Huron, No. 91, succumbed and disbanded; so also Palmyra, No. 96, organized late in the last year, became early discouraged, and Warren, No. 29, after an investigation, had their privileges restored to them, reinstated,

and on February 9, after the four weeks' notice required by R. and R., disbanded, sending all their supplies, charter, rituals, etc., to Department Secretary.

While at the close of the 4th quarter, 1887, there were 20 Corps delinquent, many of whom were shown reinstated, there were at the close of the 4th quarter, 1888, only 4 delinquent—Princeville, No. 11, Byron, No. 61, Sidell, No. 101, and Edinburg, No. 115—with a promise from Sidell that as soon as sickness, which had enshrouded them as with a pall, has passed away, they would reinstate, and a cry from Edinburg, "Come over and help us" (since reinstated)—Princeville balancing in the scale of disband and not disband—this not from lack of enthusiasm, but from depleted numbers by removals, leaving poor Byron "suspended," and hoping for aid. My heart yearns for them, and were the distance not so great I should have long ago sought permission to have visited them.

To the 100 should have been added Abraham Lincoln, No. 108 (Chicago), reorganized just prior to the Department Convention. Its steady growth has been entirely in this year. It was entitled to be No. 101, but hoping to be No. 8, it lost that opportunity and took No. 108. This leads to recommendation three regarding numbers given to late organizations, thus seemingly outranking the early organizations.

During the year there have been instituted and reinstated and reorganized 30 Corps, with an aggregate membership of 645, and an average of 21.5, with a total membership in good standing, to December 30, 1888, of 4,020, and the whole number of Corps 121, and four Corps instituted since.

There have been organized and re-organized during your administration as above at

Augusta No 32,	Bone Gap No. 16,	Barry No. 91.
DuQuoin No. 96,	Sidell No. 101,	Hutsonville No. 102,
Hillsboro No 103,	Polo No. 104,	Marshall No. 105,
Milledgeville No. 106,	Onarga No. 107,	Jacksonville No. 109,
Taylorville No. 110,	Rossville No. 111,	Plano No. 112,
Flora No. 114,	Edinburg No. 115,	Streator No. 116,
Waukegan No. 117,	Lincoln No. 118,	Kankakee No. 119,
Albion No. 120,	Galesburg 121,	Armington No. 122,
Kirkland No. 123,	Paxton No. 125,	Buda 126,
Arcola No. 54, reorganized, Warren No. 29, reinstated,		

with Carterville No. 124 still on the ragged edge. The Assistant I. and I. officer went to institute this, but for causes which could not be controlled, she did not, but I think

will, and I would suggest that No. 124 be reserved for them by the incoming administration. There are six or seven awaiting organization.

The following tables will show the standing of corps for each quarter, and the total gain in membership for the year:

SECRETARY'S REPORT OF GAINS AND LOSSES.

LOCATION.	Corps No.	1st q. mem- bership..	2d q. mem- bership..	3d q. mem- bership..	4th q. mem- bership..	Total net gain.....	Net loss...	Relief.....
Rockford.....	1	120	130	135	140	30		
Henry.....	2	16	16	16	16			
Elgin.....	3	71	76	77	68		3	
Decatur.....	4	52	51	51	52			
Palestine.....	5	22	29	20	21		8	
Monmouth.....	6	41	33	33	34		7	
Bloomington.....	7	109	118	111	109			
Quincy.....	8	15	15	15	15			
Canton.....	9	50	43	47	47		3	
Aurora.....	10	57	64	68	67		10	
Princeville.....	11	34	+21	+16	*		31	
Peoria.....	12	99	103	101	101		2	
Chillicothe.....	13	24	27	26	23		1	
Chicago (John Brown).....	14	26	30	30	30	4		
Pontiac.....	15	65	65	63	64		1	
Morris.....	16	53	55	57	70	17		
Springfield.....	17	78	85	85	87	9		
Sycamore.....	18	37	37	37	39	2		
Galva.....	19	24	26	26	25	1		
Litchfield.....	20	35	38	38	29		6	
Farmer City.....	21	.....	34	34	34	34		
Nunda.....	22	39	40	41	46	7		
Chicago (Mulligan).....	23	44	35	37	30		14	
Gibson City.....	24	70	59	73	74	4		
Olney.....	25	27	24	29	35	8		
Lacon.....	26	26	27	18	22		4	
Keithsburg.....	27	28	23	28	24		4	
Moline.....	28	55	59	63	66	11		
.....	29	.....	.....	.....	12	12		
Roseville.....	30	26	.....	23	22		6	
Magnolia.....	31	26	26	28	26			
Augusta.....	32	*	+16	15	16	16		
Pecatonica.....	33	37	44	39	42	5		
Macomb.....	34	49	52	47	42		7	
Delavan.....	35	29	37	37	45	16		
Gardner.....	36	35	37	37	34		1	
Sumner.....	37	23	26	29	28	5		
Wauconda.....	38	27	28	28	30	3		
Shawneetown.....	39	19	21	12	14		5	
Elmwood.....	40	18	17	17	17		1	
Albany.....	41	29	28	23	28		1	
Harrisburg.....	42	38	42	41	31		7	
Leroy.....	43	33	35	36	33			
Freeport.....	44	33	34	37	37	4		
Sterling.....	45	30	35	39	43	13		
Ridge Farm.....	46	32	32	25	27		5	
Quincy.....	47	59	61	61	57		2	
Casey.....	48	15	12	*4	*19		4	
Hamilton.....	49	37	35	37	37			
Oquawka.....	50	52	52	45	46		6	
MacKinaw.....	51	10	+	*4	10			
Marengo.....	52	35	25	23	27		8	
Bellair.....	53	12	12	12	13	1		

Secretary's Report of Gains and Losses—Continued.

LOCATION.	Corps No.	1st q. mem- bership...	2d q. mem- bership...	3d q. mem- bership...	4th q. mem- bership...	Total net gain.....	Net loss, ..	Relief.....
Arcola.....	54	+	+	12	13	1		
Sparta.....	55	32	32	31	30			2
Morseville.....	56	10	10	*	*8			1
Saybrook.....	57	31	31	+	30			1
Springfield.....	58	20	17	17	22			
Earlville.....	59	19	21	19	18			1
LaHarpe.....	60	38	37	37	37			1
Byron.....	61							
Washington.....	62	20	23	22	28	8		
Robinson.....	63	18	17	13	14			4
Monticello.....	64	42	43	47	45	3		
Camp Point.....	65	48	52	51	50	2		
Rock Island.....	66	28	30	31	32	4		
Metropolis.....	67	18	28	32	36	18		
Bushnell.....	68	32	31	31	30			2
Homer.....	69	33	33	23	25			2
Carthage.....	70	35	35	33	37	2		
Chebanse.....	71	41	42	41	37			4
Cherry Point.....	72	15	15	15	15			
Brighton Park.....	73	37	42	42	30			7
DeWitt.....	74	18	20	19	19	1		
Bethany.....	75	15	+	18	17	2		
Danville.....	76	51	53	53	46			5
Coultersville.....	77	22	21	22	28	6		
Beardstown.....	78	29	31	35	37	8		
Equality.....	79	13	16	16	16	3		
DeKalb.....	80	26	29	31	29	3		
Chicago (Godfrey Weit- zel).....	81	39	41	47	54	15		
East St. Louis.....	82	24	+	+	20			4
Genoa.....	83	27	30	34	37	10		
Fulton.....	84	48	48	48	46			2
Burrington.....	85	30	31	33	36	6		
Bone Gap.....	86				12	12		
Paris.....	87	41	43	44	43	2		
Cairo.....	88	30	33	32	34	4		
Springfield.....	89	28	31	31	30			
New Canton.....	90	23	25	27	26	3		
Barry.....	91	11	38	39	44	32		
Chicago (Farragut).....	92	35	36	45	48	13		
Centralia.....	93	29	32	33	34	5		
Marseilles.....	94	28	29	31	34	6		
Cairo.....	95	46	46	41	18			8
DuQuoin.....	96				18	18		
Prophetstown.....	97	41	42	44	43	2		
Blandinsville.....	98	30	30	+	15			15
Kewanee.....	99	27	28	20	27			
Clayton.....	100	22	32	32	40	18		
Sidell.....	101	24	16	+	*			24
Hutsonville.....	102	14	16	15	14			
Hillsboro.....	103	26	37	38	41	15		
Polo.....	104		21	29	28	7		
Marshall.....	105		28	+	23			5
Milledgeville.....	106		+	+	21	21		
Onarga.....	107		24	26	28	4		
Chicago (Abraham Lin- coln).....	108	25	26	37	38	13		
Jacksonville.....	109		23	23	19			4
Taylorville.....	110		24	25	25	1		
Rossville.....	111		26	22	21	1		
Glastford.....	112		19	19	19			
Plano.....	113		27	31	36	9		
Flora.....	114		41	42	34			7

Secretary's Report of Gains and Losses—Continued.

LOCATION.	Corps No.	1st q. mem- bership...	2d q. mem- bership...	3d q. mem- bership...	4th q. mem- bership...	Total net gain.....	Net loss...	Relief.....
Edinburg.....	115	.....	17	* 1	* 17	.....	.....	.....
Streator.....	116	.....	26	29	34	8	.....	.....
Waukegan.....	117	.....	27	34	38	11	.....	.....
Lincoln.....	118	.....	15	20	21	6	.....	.....
Kankakee.....	119	.....	.....	*	24	24	.....	.....
Total Dec. 30, 1888....	.....	3,349	3,746	3,782	4,020	.....	.....	.....
Albion.....	120	.....	.....	.....	29	29	93	.....
Galesburg.....	121	.....	.....	25	28	3	.....	.....
Armington.....	122	.....	.....	26	29	3	.....	.....
Kirkland.....	123	.....	.....	19	20	1	.....	.....
Not organized.....	124	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Paxton.....	125	.....	.....	.....	30	30	.....	.....
Buda.....	126	.....	.....	.....	14	14	.....	.....
Reinstated.....	.....	53	48	131	197	.....	.....	.....

* Delinquent.

† Suspended.

‡ Reinstated.

†† Charter surrendered.

‡ Charter revoked.

** Reinstated at less number for "the good of the order," with National advice.

1 Not included in footings.

‡ New organization.

RECAPITULATION.

Members remaining in good standing Dec. 30, 1887.....	2,816
Gain by initiation, transfer, reinstatement, 1st qr. 1888.....	794
“ “ “ “ “ “ 2d qr. 1888.....	695
“ “ “ “ “ “ 3d qr. 1888.....	384
“ “ “ “ “ “ 4th qr. 1888.....	466
Total gain.....	2,305
Loss by death, honorable discharge, transfer, suspension, delin- quent reports, 1st quarter, 1888.....	240
Loss by death, honorable discharge, transfer, suspension, delin- quent reports, 2d quarter, 1888.....	298
Loss by death, honorable discharge, transfer, suspension, delin- quent reports, 3d quarter, 1888.....	384
Loss by death, honorable discharge, transfer, suspension, delin- quent reports, 4th quarter, 1888.....	274
Total loss.....	1,196
Net gain in four quarters.....	1,109
By reinstatement, supplemental.....	95
Number in good standing December 30, 1888.....	4,020
Number of corps, December 30, 1887.....	97
Number of corps, December 30, 1888.....	121
Gain in corps.....	24
Number of corps in good standing, December 30, 1887.....	80
Number of corps in good standing, December 30, 1888.....	120

Number of Corps delinquent, December 30, 1887.....	20
Number of corps delinquent, December 30, 1888.....	4
Turned over to Posts, 1st quarter, 1888.....	\$ 180 29
“ “ “ 2d quarter, 1888.....	299 03
“ “ “ 3d quarter, 1888.....	85 96
“ “ “ 4th quarter, 1888.....	149 88
Total amount.....	\$ 715 16
Relief fund, 1st quarter, 1888.....	\$ 927 42
“ “ 2d quarter, 1888.....	862 11
“ “ 3d quarter, 1888.....	1,072 56
“ “ 4th quarter, 1888.....	1,616 29
Total amount.....	4,478 38
Expended for relief, 1st quarter, 1888.....	\$ 814 76
“ “ “ 2d quarter, 1888.....	539 66
“ “ “ 3d quarter, 1888.....	335 23
“ “ “ 4th quarter, 1888.....	687 01
Total amount.....	\$2,376 66
General fund, 1st quarter, 1888.....	\$2,060 03
“ “ 2d quarter, 1888.....	2,109 21
“ “ 3d quarter, 1888.....	2,587 47
“ “ 4th quarter, 1888.....	3,280 87
Total amount.....	\$10,637 58

The above table shows only the number of Corps, and members in good standing, as represented in each quarter. There have been supplemental sheets each quarter, and could the numbers on them be added, the showing would be much larger.

There are also many widows, orphans, and other members who are carried on the rolls for worthy membership, but which cannot by the R. and R. enter into the number of good standing, i. e., those upon whom per capita tax is paid.

I would further state that members are often unjustly reported suspended for two reasons: one, the Treasurer neglects to “notify them that they are in arrears,” and second, corps Presidents often fail to send in the reports and per capita tax in time, hence the whole corps is suspended. Of course this is often due to the delay on the part of the Secretary and Treasurer not being on time with them to her, and by their procrastination the faithful ones must suffer.

Each year as new officers are elected to fill their places, the work of correcting and re-correcting the quarterly reports continues to a greater or less degree as these officers study to send them in, with or without errors. Were the Secretary and Treasurer to compare them and see they agree in all points before sending, they would not so often require returning, and the work of the Department Secretary would be lessened to a great degree, so also

would the postage be lessened. Frequently the reports have been returned as many as *five* times to encompass all the errors, which *one* careful review would have avoided. I therefore make a few recommendations, which to a cursory reader may seem sufficiently embodied in the R. and R., and certainly in many general orders. A word to the wise is sufficient.

There has been a healthy and steady growth in the department, and remarks explanatory of so many suspended has developed the fact in many cases that unworthy members have been weeded out, leaving the better element. While the central and northern portion of the department have not really fallen behind, as might seem in some individual cases, the southern portion is aggressive, and surely needs much encouragement, for "Egypt" has odds against her prosperity.

The correspondence this year has been large, and invariably of a pleasant character, even when reminded of an error, the answer has been so sweet and regretful that the pain of the reminder was much assuaged. There have been 1,448 letters written as such, and many more of a partly printed character, to remind corps of some important fact. As before stated, the "red ink" number has made an increase of work of the most particular nature, that there should be no error to base a quarterly report upon, and two of these to every corps each of the four quarters.

During the year I have consolidated the four quarterly reports and mailed them to National Secretary, mailed to all corps Presidents, department staff, aids and a large mailing list, seventeen general orders, two circular letters, two circulars, printed instructions concerning quarter reports and school of instruction, prepared a roster quite complete in all its details, and sent where desired, engrossed thirty-two charters, two of which were re-issues, sent two general orders and plan of organization twice to each Grand Army post (over 600 posts in department), sent National and department convention proceedings to each corps and department officer, 152 postal cards, making in all an aggregate of 5,400 communications. There has been an increase in the postage, as each quarterly report was required to be sent as first class matter, on account of the "red ink" number.

Letters written.....	1st qr. 323
Other communications, General Orders, (with password) Circulars, National and Department Proceedings, Quarterly Reports, Rosters, Charters, etc	1,878
Letters written.....	2d qr. 340
Other communications, General Orders, Circulars, National and Department Proceedings, Quarterly Reports, Rosters, Charters, Memorial Blanks, etc	1,009
Letters written.....	3d qr. 328
Other communications, General Orders, Circulars, National and Department Proceedings, Quarterly Reports, Rosters, Charters, etc	1,134
Letters written.....	4th qr. 457
Other communications, General Orders, (with password) Circulars, National and Department Proceedings, Quarterly Reports, Rosters, Charters, Memorial Blanks, Election returns, etc	1,465
Total letters from February 11, 1888, to February 1, 1889....	1,448
Total other communications.....	5,486
Letters written from February 1, to March 1, 1889.....	202
Total letters and other communications.....	7,136
Many of them required extra postage, ranging from 6 to 12 cents; a few 25 cents.	
Postage, 1st quarter.....	\$ 25 43
Postage, 2d quarter.....	20 04
Postage, 3d quarter.....	25 15
Postage, 4th quarter.....	24 85
Letters in February.....	4 04
Total postage.....	\$104 51

I regret exceedingly that some corps did not get all the communications sent. Where the fault lies, I am not prepared to say, only that I have systematically sent out all matter, attended to the placing of them in the postoffice personally. But I have had cheering letters similar to this: "I have mislaid the reports or orders you sent me. I am sorry. Please will you send again." This honest confession did good at both ends of the route, and was cheerfully complied with. To "err is human, to forgive is divine."

I have endeavored always to faithfully obey all orders from proper authority. Often the work has necessarily continued on to the "wee sma' hours," and yet the reciprocity from it has tended to rest rather than fatigue. The work of Department Secretary now in Illinois is not a sinecure.

My predecessor, Mrs. Cobean, when interrogated as to the time consumed in the work she had performed, said:

"Two-thirds of my time—yes, ladies, three-fourths"—if this latter fraction were reversed, it would more nearly express it.

When the millennium of perfect R. & R. rituals and blanks, which shall answer the purpose of our Order without "more revisions," shall come, then the work will be pleasanter and more easily performed. There will be no countermarching then, nor any countermanding of orders, which necessitates corresponding queries of how? why? wherefore? and when?

And now, Mrs. President, having reviewed the work of the Department, I desire especially to thank you for your thoughtful consideration of me in the exceedingly multiplied duties of this office; by your ever courteous, yes loving demeanor toward me, you have tended to lighten the burden which often seemed too heavy to bear, and helped to make it an enjoyable duty.

You have, by your eminent executive ability, inspired a confidence in our work so pronounced that progression seemed to be inevitable. Whatever of commendation my year's work may merit, it is truly through you, and the influence you inspired, united with that of our associated Department officer—to whom I will here express my thanks for the kindness and courtesy they have ever shown to me; more particularly to Department Treasurer, Miss Carlton, as we were so often thrown together in making out our reports, and who has ever cheerfully responded to my many calls upon her for data.

To the members of the Order who made it possible for me to be Department Secretary I thank you; for through all I have enjoyed the experience and its duties. The Grand Army may pass away; the Relief Corps may become unnecessary, but the memory of this year's work and pleasure can never be forgotten.

May that Charity, which should fill us all, draw the curtain on our failures, and Fraternity encourage our virtues, and may our banner not only bear the triple motto of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, but also have inscribed on it the God-given command—"Go Forward!"

JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND,
Department Secretary.

LIST OF ARTICLES SENT TO THE SOLDIERS' HOME, QUINCY, AND SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME, NORMAL—1888.

April 6—Rockford Corps No. 1.—1 box of jellies and other canned fruit, 92 prepared bandages. Sept. 19—54 bandages and large bundle of linen pieces, 1 album quilt of red and white, quilted nicely; on each white block was written the name of some soldier or some member of soldier's family, withal quite an interesting gift for New Year's day; no value given.

December—Aurora No. 10—700 yards of bandages, 1 box canned fruit, 13 quarts jelly; no value given.

December—Peoria No. 12—13 Shaker flannel night shirts male with pocket in each, 1 handkerchief and 1 pair of socks; 13 handkerchiefs; 13 pairs socks, cost of same with making, \$10.

John Brown (Chicago) No. 14—3 quilts, 6 handkerchiefs, 2 night shirts, 1 pin cushion, several books and pictures; no value given.

Pontiac Corps No. 15—Soldiers' Home, Quincy, 2 bed quilts and a roll of bandages; Orphan's Home, Normal, \$5.

Morris No. 16—Soldiers' Home, 1 box, 16 glasses of jelly with books and papers for hospital, express \$1.05; 1 box, 6 quilts, 246 magazines, \$50.50; express \$1.75. Soldiers' Orphans' Home, 1 box, dressed dolls, toys, books, etc., \$15; express 80c.

Springfield No. 17—Soldiers' Home, 5 quilts.

Galva No. 19—1 box, 4 quilts, 2 rugs, 2 chair cushions, 1 night shirt, 2 pin and needle books, 1 pin cushion, 5 rugs, valued at \$10.

Nunda No. 22—Soldiers' Home, 1 autograph quilt valued at \$12. Orphans' Home, 4 pair stockings, 1 box dominoes, 14 books, 1 peck hickory nuts, 2 aprons, 1 fish pond (game), 1 box checkers, 1 box ten pins, 1 horse and wagon (toy), 1 box sliced animals, 1 box building blocks, 1 plush cap, dolls' dresses, valued at \$6.35.

Gibson City No. 24—Soldiers' Home, 25 Bibles.

Magnolia No. 31—Soldiers' Home, 2 quilts.

Pecatonica No. 33—Soldiers' Home, 2 cans apricots, 4 cans raspberries, 2 cans strawberries, 2 cans blueberries, 6 glasses jelly, 5 jars jelly, 1 bottle celery relish.

Gardner No. 36—Soldiers' Home, 1 dozen glasses of jelly, 1 dozen quarts of fruit, 2 quilts, 2 night shirts, 2 comb cases, magazines and papers. Orphans' Home, cash \$1.

Sumner No. 37—Soldiers' Orphans' Home, 1 box valued at \$1.50.

Oquanka No. 50—Soldiers' Home, 1 box containing 5 quilts, 8 rugs, one night shirt, and one handkerchief.

La Harpe No. 60—Soldiers' Home, 1 box of books, magazines and papers. Orphans' Home, cash \$2.

Cherry Point No. 72—Soldiers' Home, 1 bed quilt, 1 blanket, 1 pair pillows, 1 pair sheets, 3 pairs pillow cases, 1 pin cushion, valued at \$11.

Coulterville No. 77—Soldiers' Home, 1 quilt.

Farragut (Chicago) No. 92—Soldiers' Home, 1 box books, etc., valued at \$10; 4 dozen handkerchiefs, 14 flannel night shirts valued at \$12.53.

Streator No. 116—Soldiers' Home, 1 box of books valued at \$5. Orphans' Home, 1 Christmas box of toys, etc., valued at \$25.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT TREASURER.

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT TREASURER, W. R. C.,
BLOOMINGTON, ILL., Feb. 14, 1889.

MISS JOSEPHINE CLEVELAND,

Department Secretary, W. R. C.

In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of our order, I have the honor to submit herewith my financial statement, from February 17, 1888, to February 12, 1889:

ACCOUNT CURRENT.

ADA CARLTON, *Department Treasurer,*
In account with THE WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS:

Dr.

Cash on hand, as per last report	\$341 00
Received for per capita tax	1,284 38
" " Charter fees.....	140 00
" " Dispensations.....	11 00
" " Supplies.....	1,546 04
" of Department Secretary from sale of sucker badges.....	48 50
" " Mrs. Julia Sine, for the Penny Relief Fund	41 76
Total to be accounted for.....	<u>\$3,412 68</u>

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By disbursements as per abstracts.....	\$3,215 78
" cash on hand	196 90
Total accounted for	<u><u>\$3,412 68</u></u>

ABSTRACT OF DISBURSEMENTS.

FIRST QUARTER, FROM FEBRUARY 17 TO MARCH 31, 1888.

Mar. 6, Paid Josie Minnemyer, expenses during convention.....	\$8 00
" 6, " Sue Simpson, " " "	8 00
" 6, " " expenses to National Convention at St. Louis.....	20 00
" 6, Paid Ella Cobean, for money expended.....	13 70
" 6, " " telegrams.....	1 50
" 7, " D. A. Leaverton, for postage	1 50
" 7, " Sarah Bradford, expenses to convention	7 00
" 7, " " for postage	50
" 10, " Minnie Kyle, expenses to convention	7 75
" 12, " Ada Carlton, expenses during convention.....	8 70
" 12, " Josephine Cleveland, for book	1 00
" 14, " Marilla Ward, expenses to convention.....	1 50
" 17, " Clara Harral, " " "	2 14
" 17, " Sallie Steele, " " "	80
" 21, " D. A. Leaverton, " " "	11 00
" 22, " Mary Holtzman, " " "	2 00
" 22, " " traveling expenses.....	1 90
" 22, " Josephine Cleveland, for postage, etc.....	10 00
" 27, " L. A. Turner, National Treasurer, for supplies.....	300 00
" 28, " M. I. Sandes, expenses to convention.....	7 75
" 29, " Sarah Bradford, for department expenses.....	10 34
" 29, " Josephine Cleveland, for postage	3 00
Total.....	<u><u>\$428 08</u></u>

SECOND QUARTER, FROM APRIL 1, TO JUNE 30, 1888.

April 3, Paid Sue Sanders, expenses to Department Convention....	\$23 35
" 9, " Josephine Cleveland, for postage, telegram, etc.....	10 40
" 10, " " " "	2 00

April 14,	Paid American Express Co., for express sent by Dept. Secretary.....	\$3 35
" 17,	" Lida Oldroyd, for postage for department purposes....	2 50
May 3,	" Josephine Cleveland, for postage.....	2 00
" 3,	" " expenses to Delavan and Quincy ..	24 99
" 3,	" Ada Carlton, for postage, express, etc.....	20 08
" 4,	" Sarah Bradford, for expenses to Delavan and Quincy..	30 21
" 4,	" L. A. Turner, National Treasurer, for per capita tax....	67 20
" 9,	" Sarah Bradford, for relief soldier's family at Beach, Ill.	10 00
" 14,	" Ada Carlton, for expenses to Springfield.....	10 76
" 14,	" Sarah Bradford, traveling expenses, postage, etc.....	24 23
" 14,	" Josephine Cleveland, expenses for reports, postage, etc.	11 40
" 17,	" Joseph Boles, for relief at Falmouth.....	5 00
" 21,	" Ill. State Journal, for stationery and printing.....	53 22
" 21,	" " " " printing circulars.....	13 50
June 1,	" Lizzie Hubbard, expenses to convention.....	2 14
" 4,	" Sarah Bradford, for badge for Post Dept. President....	19 00
" 8,	" Ada Carlton, salary for first quarter.....	32 27
" 8,	" Josephine Cleveland, salary for first quarter.....	32 27
" 8,	" Josephine Cleveland, for postage, money orders, etc....	8 60
" 12,	" Julia Sine, for expenses to meeting ex-board.....	2 24
" 12,	" C. W. Freeman, Springfield, for freight and drayage....	7 47
" 12,	" C. W. Freeman, Springfield, for drayage on department reports.....	2 19
" 12,	" American Express Co. at Springfield for express.....	90
" 12,	" American Express Company for express sent by department secretary.....	1 30
" 15,	" Illinois State Journal for printing general orders.....	12 25
" 15,	" Sarah Bradford for expenses in department work.....	14 45
" 15,	" Josephine Cleveland for postage, etc.....	5 04
" 15,	" Sarah Bradford, for relief of Boles family.....	5 00
" 15,	" L. A. Turner, National Treasurer, for supplies.....	300 00
" 15,	" Guy Beatty for printing 1,000 department proceedings.	175 00
" 22,	" Inez Bender for expenses to department convention....	8 30
" 30,	" Clara Harral, railroad fare to inspect department treasurer's books.....	6 65
Total.....		<u>\$949 28</u>

THIRD QUARTER FROM JULY 1, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1888.

July 23,	Paid L. A. Turner for national per capita tax.....	\$74 92
" 31,	" Illinois State Journal for printing general orders.....	18 25
" 31,	" L. A. Turner, National Treasurer, for supplies.....	231 91
" 31,	" Ada Carlton for salary for second quarter.....	29 96
" 31,	" Josephine Cleveland for salary for second quarter.....	29 96
Aug. 6,	" Sarah Bradford, expenses in department work.....	16 51
" 6,	" Josephine Cleveland for postage, etc.....	22 73
" 20,	" Ada Carlton for salary due on tax.....	2 79
" 20,	" Josephine Cleveland for salary due on tax.....	2 79
" 20,	" Sarah Bradford for expenses in department work.....	29 86
" 28,	" Ada Carlton for postage, express office supplies.....	26 24
" 28,	" Josephine Cleveland for postage.....	5 00
" 30,	" Sarah Bradford for department badges for National Convention.....	105 00
Sept. 7,	" Josephine Cleveland for department expenses.....	19 40
Total.....		<u>\$615 32</u>

FOURTH QUARTER FROM OCTOBER 1, 1888, TO FEBRUARY 12, 1889.

Oct. 15,	Paid Sarah Bradford, expenses to Columbus.....	33 18
" 15,	" Sarah Bradford for relief of Boles family.....	10 00
" 13,	" L. A. Turner, for national per capita tax.....	75 84
" 24,	" Sarah Bradford for postage, etc.....	12 88
" 31,	" Mary Stadden, expenses to Columbus.....	15 70
Nov. 1,	" Martha Lindsay, railroad fare to inspect treasurer's books.....	10 17
" 3,	" L. A. Turner for per capita tax on re-instatements....	6 96
" 12,	" Josephine Cleveland, salary for third quarter.....	30 62
" 12,	" " " for postage.....	10 40
" 12,	" " " ".....	5 00
" 12,	" Sarah Bradford, inspection expenses.....	16 11
" 12,	" Ada Carlton, salary for third quarter.....	30 62
" 13,	" Illinois State Journal Co., for printing general order..	14 75
" 16,	" D. A. Leaverton, inspection expenses.....	50 00
" 24,	" Inez Bender, expenses to school of instruction.....	4 85
Dec. 1,	" Ada Carlton for postage, express and money orders...	11 94
" 1,	" L. A. Turner, national treasurer, for supplies.....	200 00
" 13,	" Artemisia Hall, inspection expenses.....	4 75
" 13,	" Ellen Ziegler, " ".....	10 80
" 14,	" Edward Lee for printing general orders.....	7 00
" 15,	" Josephine Cleveland for express, telegrams, etc.....	29 86
" 21,	" Jennie Harrison, inspection expenses.....	11 80
" 24,	" Sarah Bradford, inspection and office expenses.....	22 07
" 26,	" Marilla Ward, inspection expenses.....	7 24
" 26,	" Josephine Cleveland, inspection expenses.....	8 97
" 27,	" Minnie Kyle " ".....	6 90
" 28,	" Carrie Becker, " ".....	9 57
" 28,	" Eliza Torrance, inspection expenses.....	13 48
Jan. 28,	" L. A. Turner, National Treasurer, for per capita tax..	80 06
" 28,	" L. A. Turner, National Treasurer, supplemental capita tax.....	6 62
" 28,	" Josephine Cleveland, for postage.....	5 00
Feb. 6,	" Inez Bender, for inspection expenses.....	66 28
" 8,	" D. A. Leaverton, for department expenses, postage, etc	3 00
" 8,	" L. A. Turner, National Treasurer, for supplies.....	176 30
" 8,	" Sarah Bradford, for office and traveling expenses.....	22 59
" 8,	" Ada Carlton, for express, postage, etc.....	24 71
" 8,	" Ada Carlton, for salary for fourth quarter.....	34 42
" 8,	" Edward Lee, for printing general orders.....	12 00
" 8,	" Josephine Cleveland, salary for fourth quarter.....	34 42
" 8,	" Josephine Cleveland, for postage, express, etc.....	41 70
" 12,	" E. D. Poston & Co., for badges for department convention.....	44 80
Total		\$1,223 12

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS.

First quarter.....	\$428 08
Second quarter.....	949 26
Third quarter.....	615 32
Fourth quarter.....	1,223 12
Total	\$3,215 78

ABSTRACT OF PER CAPITA TAX.

First quarter	\$337 90
Second quarter.....	302 56
Third quarter	317 36
Fourth quarter	326 56
Total	\$1,284 38

SUPPLIES ON HAND.

18 Charters.....	\$2 50
117 Officers badges.....	35 10
267 Membership badges.....	80 10
3½ Yards membership badge ribbon.....	76
3 Yards officers badge ribbon.....	60
118 Emblems for past officers badges.....	2 36
68 Rituals.....	13 60
61 Installation services.....	10 98
37 Rules and regulations.....	1 48
192 Ode cards.....	1 92
112 Officers' cards.....	1 12
417 Requisitions for corps supplies.....	3 10
146 Corps relief reports.....	1 46
77 Treasurers' bonds.....	1 54
58 Discharge cards.....	1 16
108 Transfer cards.....	1 08
89 Membership cards.....	89
9 Journals.....	6 30
11 Ledgers.....	8 80
9 Cash books.....	7 20
11 Roll of membership.....	8 80
17 Order books.....	6 80
7 Receipt books.....	2 80
21 Black books.....	3 15
10 General order files.....	5 00
14 Letter files.....	9 80
5 Beath's blue books.....	4 38
13 Large electrotypes.....	3 90
15 Small ".....	3 00
Total	\$229 68

* STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.

Supplies on hand, as per statement.....	\$229 68
Cash on hand.....	196 90
Amount due from corps.....	3 95
Total.....	\$430 53

LIABILITIES—None.

Balance to new account.....	\$430 53
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In closing my report, I wish to express my gratitude to the Department President, Mrs. Sarah Bradford, and the Department Secretary, Miss Josephine Cleveland, for their kindness and forbearance at all times.

My sincere thanks are due the officers of the different Corps with whom I have had to transact official business.

Ladies, one and all, I thank you for your kindness, in surrendering the high trust with which you have honored me.

I am yours, in F. C. and L.,

ADA CARLTON,
Department Treasurer.

REPORT OF RELIEF FUND.

To the Members of the Department Council:

I have the honor to submit the following report:

Amount on February 17, 1888.....	\$41 76
Expended during the year.....	30 00
Balance on hand.....	\$11 76

ADA CARLTON,
Department Treasurer.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT DEPUTY CHAPLAIN.

PEORIA, JAN. 20, 1889.

MISS JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND,

Department Secretary.

DEAR MADAM—I have the honor to present the following Memorial Day report for the Department of Illinois W. R. C., 1888. The many lovely emblems and floral decorations offered in memory of our "Heroic Dead," show how tender is the feeling for our "fallen braves." May the lessons of patriotism and loving kindness be instilled into the hearts of the many children who take part in the sacred services.

As our order prospers and new corps are organized, the Department Chaplain's work increases, and I would recommend that the time for sending Memorial Day reports be limited to five days—not only that the Department Chaplain may have more time for her report, but I find those earliest received the best.

SUMMARY.

Corps reporting.....	100
Expense.....	\$2,310
Members taking part.....	2,310
Memorials to unknown.....	77

CORPS No. 1, ROCKFORD—Commander-in-Chief Rhea delivered the oration. To the Unknown Dead an immense evergreen arch, within, a cross inscribed, 'For those who sleep we know not where.' Children strewed flowers.

CORPS No. 2, HENRY—A cross 8 feet high erected to Unknown Dead, twined with evergreens, 16 wreaths of evergreens and flowers, bearing name and number of regiment placed on cross. Oration by F. S. Potter.

CORPS No. 3, ELGIN—A monument to those who sleep on Southern battle fields, beautifully decorated by corps. On its altar were placed lovely memorial gifts from post and other societies.

CORPS No. 4, DECATUR—Twenty little girls carried baskets of flowers and strewed the soldiers' graves. A monument for the Unknown Dead was wreathed with evergreens and roses.

CORPS No. 5, PALESTINE—W. C. T. U. presented comrades and S. of V. with button-hole bouquets, tied with white ribbon. Services well attended with usual ceremonies.

CORPS No. 6, MONMOUTH—A fine cross in memory of Logan, presented by President of Corps. 91 S. of V. carried wreaths, and young ladies bouquets, to decorate soldiers' graves. Procession grand.

CORPS No. 7, BLOOMINGTON.—Vase filled with growing plants on Solders' lot. Memorial to unknown dead was an evergreen cross, entwined with flowers, resting on a floral base. Oration by Bishop Fallows, of Chicago.

CORPS No. 8, QUINCY (Colored).—The Corps (fifteen members) attended in a body the Memorial Services; strewed flowers with profusion upon the fallen heroes, regardless of color; each member contributed and did all in her power to make the ceremonies a success. Three Sisters and two Comrades favored those assembled with vocal music. Dinner was served to the G. A. R.

CORPS No. 9, CANTON.—Children of Band of Hope joined with the Corps in memorial to the unknown dead. W. C. T. U. ladies presented each member of Post with bouquet.

CORPS No. 10, AURORA.—Cut flowers were sent to Soldiers' Home at Quincy to decorate soldiers' graves; some were used in a wreath for Gen. Lippincott and Lee Sheppard.

CORPS No. 12, PEORIA—The Ladies' Decoration Day Association took charge of the work, but a Committee from the Corps decorated the mound for the unknown dead; \$5 was sent to the Quincy Home, and \$5 to assist in honoring the fallen heroes who lie sleeping around Richmond, Virginia.

CORPS No. 13, CHILLICOTHE—Sent flowers to decorate a sister's grave in the west, and decorated a sister's grave here.

CORPS No. 15, PONTIAC—Decoration Day weather was simply perfect. Oration by Prof. Cox, of Chicago. Listened to with marked attention.

CORPS No. 16, MORRIS—The Post, Corps and S. of V. united in celebrating Memorial Day. Visited three cemeteries. Address by Rev. Lang, of Joliet.

CORPS No. 17, SPRINGFIELD—Mrs. Nafew had charge of the children, and to her efforts much of the success of the day is due. Five dollars' worth of flowers was contributed by the Corps to be placed upon the graves in cemetery at Quincy Soldiers' Home.

CORPS No. 19, GALVA—A cenotaph, with a floral wreath, two crosses, a sword and a wreath prepared for the unknown dead. A paper was read by the Corps Chaplain and button-hole bouquets provided the Post.

CORPS No. 20, LITCHFIELD—Splendid oration and music. Business houses decorated and closed. A large turn-out.

CORPS No. 22, NUNDA—Exercises of the children very interesting. While strewing flowers they sang "Cover them Over."

CORPS No. 23, MULLIGAN—A floral tablet was placed on the Monument for the Unknown Dead at Rose Hill. Ladies of the Corps and members of the Post participated in the services.

CORPS No. 24, GIBSON CITY—Members of Post decorated graves of comrades. S. of V. marched with Post and Corps to cemetery.

CORPS No. 25, OLNEY—The largest procession that ever attended. Three cemeteries visited and graves decorated.

CORPS No. 26, LACON—We had a very appropriate programme arranged by Post and Corps. Everything pleasant and satisfactory.

CORPS No. 27, KEITHSBURG—34 Comrades and 21 Corps members marched to school ground, through open ranks of 261 children, bearing bouquets of lovely flowers, and attended by their teachers, then proceeded to the cemetery. A monument was decorated in honor of those "who sleep

their last sleep, who have fought their last battle." A white cross to the "Unknown Dead" was prepared and decorated by Corps.

CORPS No. 28, MOLINE—A beautiful wreath for the "Unknown Dead." Visited our cemetery in the morning and the National cemetery on the island in the afternoon. Children decorated graves.

CORPS No. 30, ROSEVILLE—The W. C. T. U. prepared a handsome monument, about five feet high, made entirely of white flowers, and a shield of red ones.

CORPS No. 32, AUGUSTA—This Corps organized May 12, and held but one meeting since. Hope to have a fine Corps next Memorial Day. City filled with people who attended the services.

CORPS No. 33, PECATONICA—Oration by Gen. Dustin.

CORPS No. 34, MACOMB—Arch prepared for "Unknown Dead," decorated with evergreens and flowers. About 5,000 in attendance. A beautiful pillow of white flowers, with the word "Memorial," in purple pansies, for Memorial services. A basket of flowers for each grave, 90 in number.

CORPS No. 35, DELAVAN—The attendance of children was small this year, owing to sickness.

CORPS No. 36, GARDNER—A number of organizations joined the Post and Corps in procession. Services in Baptist church.

CORPS No. 37, SUMNER—Sisters went in a body to decorate a sister's grave. S. of V. decorated a member's grave. Every thing prepared by Corps.

CORPS No. 39, SHAWNEETOWN—More interest shown than ever before. The arch to the "Unknown Dead," a beautiful design in evergreens and flowers.

CORPS No. 41, ALBANY—The services were held in the Presbyterian Church. Post and Corps went in a body to decorate the graves.

CORPS No. 42, HARRISBURG—A very enthusiastic service in which all classes participated.

CORPS No. 43, LEROY—The Post and Corps are always assisted in memorial work by the citizens of LeRoy, and take as much interest in it as Post or Corps.

CORPS No. 44, FREEPORT—An evergreen cross eight feet high.

CORPS No. 45, STERLING—Our decorations consisted of a Logan memorial arch and a Goddess of Liberty. Our design for the "Unknown Dead" was a cannon decorated with evergreens, flowers and flags. An arch above trimmed

with red, white and blue, an inscription to "The Unknown Dead." Wreaths and bouquets on 86 graves; also bouquets for Post.

CORPS No. 47, QUINCY (John Wood)—A memorial shield was sent to the Home at Quincy. Gov. Wood's statue was decorated. The S. of V. decorated each grave with a flag. The graves of deceased members of the Corps were remembered and all soldiers' graves. Gen. Bane delivered the oration and Prof. E. Perry read a poem.

CORPS No. 48, CASEY—More in attendance on services than ever before. In procession was horse, hearse and coffin, draped in National flags, surrounded with wreaths and bouquets.

CORPS No. 49, HAMILTON—The Post, W. R. C., and S. of V. marched in a body to the cemetery. The S. of V. carried baskets of flowers and bouquets prepared by Corps. Post decorated their comrades graves.

CORPS No. 50, OQUAWKA—Baskets of flowers, crosses and wreaths on a mound for the "Unknown Dead" at foot of soldiers' monument; 98 graves decorated.

CORPS No. 53, BELLAIR—The G. A. R. have built a mound on the top of which they have erected a marble shaft to the memory of those "who went to the war and never returned." The attendance large and flowers in abundance.

CORPS No. 55, SARTA—Marched with Post through principal streets to school grounds. Addressed by Hon. G. W. Smith, also remarks by Judge Conger, of Carmi.

CORPS No. 57, SAYBROOK—The mound prepared for the "Unknown Dead" was decorated by the fathers and mothers of soldiers. Number of soldiers in line, 40.

CORPS No. 59, EARLVILLE—Post and Corps marched to School Park where they had addresses, music, etc.; 110 carriages formed in line for cemetery.

CORPS No. 60, LAHARPE—The memorial to "Unknown Dead," a ladder decorated with evergreens and flowers and gilt letters on the rounds; also a memorial cross. These are both placed in G. A. R. hall.

CORPS No. 63, ROBINSON—An appropriate speech by Mr. Callahan, after which the Corps decorated the mound for the "Unknown Dead." Then more speeches.

CORPS No. 64, MONTICELLO—A monument to "those who perished in prison," a monument to the "Unknown," joined by an arch bearing the inscription "Union and Peace" and the keystone of the arch was "G. A. R." In addition a handsome floral cross and sword to "those who

sleep on Southern battle fields," and a banner to Logan. We also sent \$2.00 to Com. Allen at Richmond, Va., and \$1.00 to Major Rowland at Quincy, for use on Memorial Day.

CORPS No. 65, CAMP POINT—An arch 16 feet across, bearing the words in evergreen letters, "Our Unknown Dead." This arch was draped in mourning, and was placed in the center of the G. A. R. portion of the cemetery.

CORPS No. 69, HOMER—Met with Post at G. A. R. Hall and marched to Opera House for services, and then to cemetery to decorate the graves.

CORPS No. 71, CHEBANSE—Poem read by Secretary, and grave for Unknown Dead nicely decorated by Corps.

CORPS No. 72, CHERRY POINT—The day was very fine, and a general interest manifested in the observances of the day.

CORPS No. 74, DEWITT—Memorial sermon, Rev. Comrade Wallace, of Saybrook, which was pronounced splendid by all who heard him.

CORPS No. 76, DANVILLE—A very fine eulogy delivered at the Armory. Wreaths provided the G. A. R. to hang on crosses at cemetery, made by W. R. C.

CORPS No. 77, COULTERSVILLE—Addresses, music by the band, also vocal music. Exercises held in Park.

CORPS No. 78, BEARDSTOWN—One hundred children carried baskets of flowers to strew the graves. Service at cemetery. A large basket of flowers and an emblem of the Bible covered with flowers were placed on the flagstaff in honor of the Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 79, EQUALITY—Memorial services at Presbyterian church on Sabbath by Rev. Robt. Reid. Col. Jasper Partridge delivered address.

CORPS No. 81, CHICAGO (Godfrey Weitzel)—After taking part in general exercises at cemetery, the Post and Corps repaired to the last resting place of six of their comrades and a comrade's wife, and covered their graves with flowers and flags.

CORPS 85, BARRINGTON—The 30th we marched to the American cemetery, thence to the German cemetery on the opposite side of town, decorated both places, and helped in every way we could.

CORPS No. 87, PARIS—A larger number than ever before attended services. Evergreen wreaths, tied with the tri-colors, flags and flowers, used for decorations. Oration by Hon. Horace Clark.

CORPS No. 88, CAIRO—Corps provided with special palace car to Mound City. Marched to National Cemetery. Placed on monument floral offering representing W. R. C. badge.

CORPS No. 89, MEXDELL—This Corps is in good working order; each member willing to put her shoulder to the wheel to make it a success.

CORPS No. 90, NEW CANTON—The Corps aided the Post in the observance of the day. Had a fine parade and march to the cemetery.

CORPS No. 92, CHICAGO (Farragut).—Many members of Corps provided flowers with private funds, and Post provided rest.

CORPS No. 96, PALMYRA.—As we did not know what to do, did not go in a body; but hope to know more next year.

CORPS No. 97, PROPHETSTOWN.—The oration was delivered by Rev. W. H. Smith, Chaplain of the Seventy-fifth Illinois Infantry.

CORPS No. 102, HUTSONVILLE.—Larger delegation than ever before; a general good time.

CORPS No. 104, POLO.—The W. R. C. made up the flowers for sixty-eight graves, each furnished with a wreath, a cross and a bouquet.

CORPS No. 106, MILLEDGEVILLE.—Opened with music by the band; singing by male quartet; prayer by Chaplain, recitation by Miss Ella Olmsted. Collection was taken up for John A. Logan's monument to be erected in Chicago.

CORPS No. 108, CHICAGO (Abraham Lincoln).—We procured a monument eight feet high, covered with arbor-vitæ; on the base were the words, "Erected by Abraham Lincoln, No. 108, and John Brown, No. 14, W. R. C." The monument was draped with a flag; over this crêpe, with the words in white letters, "Unknown Dead." Expense divided between the two Corps.

CORPS No. 115, EDINBURG.—Decorated fifteen graves; nine unknown. The crowd numbered 700.

In closing my report, I wish to extend my thanks to the Department President and Secretary for kindness and valuable assistance during the year.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

ELLEN ZIEGLER, *Deputy Chaplain.*

DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

MONTICELLO, ILL., Feb. 6, 1889.

MISS JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND,

Department Secretary:

DEAR MADAM—In accordance with our Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to submit, through you, to the Sixth Department Convention my report as Inspector of the Department of Illinois.

Of the 119 Corps that should have been inspected, reports of such have been forwarded from 113 Corps.

Nos. 98 and 101 were twice notified of inspection, but when the Inspector presented herself, no quorum was present at the former and no meeting was called at the latter Corps. Neither will long survive.

Nos. 56 and 61 were, after being notified, visited by the Assistant Inspector and found to be dead and dying. No. 61 it is thought will be re-instated. The other two Corps, for various reasons, were not inspected.

I am glad to report our order increasing in membership and efficiency.

At last inspection there were reported in good standing 2,649 members, at this inspection 3,909, an increase of 1,260.

The average attendance of members, including officers, is $20\frac{1}{5}$, an increase of a little more than 12 per cent. But I can not speak so well of the officers, the average attendance being but five and a fraction against seven and a fraction last year. Bogardus, No. 62, is the only Corps whose average attendance of officers is reported 10.

When an officer takes the obligation to *faithfully perform* all the duties of the office, on her word of honor as a woman and a member of our order, she is not true to obligations when anything but absolute necessity keeps her from Corps meetings. She owes it to the members who placed her in the position to occupy it on every possible occasion. She owes it to the Grand Army of the Republic whom she has promised to aid and assist, to do whatever the work of the order requires of her. And it certainly requires the presence of the officers at Corps meetings.

The report of money expended for relief from October 1, 1887, to October 1, 1888, is truly gratifying, being \$2,636.68; the estimated value of relief other than money

is \$1,100.67, making a total of \$3,737.35, with a balance in the various relief funds of \$2,584.88.

Thirteen Corps had not established a relief fund at time of inspection, but have doubtless done so now.

Several corps have been handicapped by the instructions given them by the instituting officer; that is, they have been told it was *obligatory* to keep a certain amount *at all* times in the relief fund, and by setting aside a large sum for this fund, it has not been available for other purposes and there has been no occasion to use it for relief.

We should not judge of the work done and good accomplished by the amount of money expended, for the loving words and tender ministrings tell as grand a story as the "amount spent for relief." Some of our Corps, poor in numbers and poor in purse, have, against adverse criticism and deep antagonism, gone right along in a quiet and unobtrusive manner, visiting the sick, ministering to the dying, and procuring flowers for the dead in the family of every Comrade; proving themselves angels of mercy, indeed. Ladies, I can not estimate the value in money of such devotion as this.

The Ritual is reported memorized in Nos. 12, 16, 17, 64 and 108, and partly memorized in forty other Corps. The importance of this, I think, is overlooked by the officers. The charges can not be given with the beauty and impressiveness the occasion demands, if *not* memorized. Contrast, if you please, the effect on yourself of charges read *at* you from a book with those spoken *to* you, eye looking into eye fired with intense personality, as though coming from the heart of the speaker and meant for you individually. Do this, and I believe every officer here will go home determined to "fight it out on this line, if it takes all summer."

In eighty-one Corps the records are complete and correctly kept, or nearly so.

In some Corps the records are complete, but not correctly kept; while in others what they have are properly kept, but are far from being complete. The sample pages soon to be sent out, showing the correct method of keeping the records, will materially aid those not up in the work. The records of Nos. 7, 16, 24, 64 and 84 have been especially noted for neatness, accuracy and business-like manner in which they are kept. In these, and Nos. 5 and 13, has there been reported a treasurer's cash account.

Ignorance of the law does not exempt one from the consequences attending the violation thereof. To know fully the law of our Order, that all our actions may be in accordance, it is the duty of each and every Corps to be provided with the latest revisions of our Rules and Regulations. Yet I found some Corps working under the Rules and Regulations of 1886; and if those Corps unknowingly violate any of the laws in the latest revisions, they will be held accountable just the same.

It would be well for each Corps to keep on file the official organ of this Department, THE NATIONAL VIDETTE, as the decisions therein rendered by the National President are invaluable. We can not possess too much knowledge of the workings of our Order, for you know "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing."

I desire to call attention to the ballot-boxes in use in several Corps in this Department. I refer to those having the place for depositing the ballot on the top, thereby making it necessary to raise the hand and ballot above the box. This renders it almost impossible to prevent the ballot being seen.

Also in a number of Corps the white ballots are round and the black ones square; when deposited the white ones roll while the black ones stop short, so that members can readily detect the difference and know who put in the black ballots. I was told the number of black ballots cast for candidates had, by the sound, actually been counted.

In such cases, is the ballot secret?

If there is one thing more than any other in our Order that should be maintained inviolate it is the secrecy of the ballot.

On the sanctity of the ballot depends the perpetuity of our government. On the secrecy of the ballot rests the welfare of our Order.

Our Rules and Regulations say: "Ballot with ball ballots," and as anything square cannot be round, it is, therefore, not a ball. I believe those ballots to be contrary to Rules and Regulations. I therefore recommend that this Convention take some action to correct the evils.

I found that some Corps possess little or no knowledge of of parliamentary practice, and yet every member of this Department Convention should possess some knowledge of forms if the work is to be properly performed.

Some Corps have already adopted some standard of parliamentary rules, others say they are governed entirely by Beath. Now, while this may be true, Beath does not give a single rule of order except as is embodied in a decision.

Beath is our recognized authority in official decisions when applicable.

Recognizing the value of uniformity in such matters, I recommend the adoption of Robert's Rules of Order as the standard parliamentary practice in this Department.

While not explicitly stating so, our Rules and Regulations seem to imply that a newly organized Corps may take the number of a disbanded Corps, and such, I believe, has been done in this Department. By so doing a new Corps thereby assumes a numerical rank with those organized months and years before, and is manifestly most unjust to the older Corps. I recommend that the rank of all new Corps organized in this Department be determined by date of charter under which they act, and not be allowed to appropriate vacant numbers.

The office of Inspector is most important and carries with it great responsibilities, for the work of the Corps is performed in accordance with instructions given at inspection. I most earnestly repeat the recommendation made by last Department Inspector that the Department President call together the Inspector and assistants and drill them in all the work of a Corps before beginning the work of inspection. In this way alone can we hope to attain that degree of proficiency of which Illinois is capable.

I would also recommend that no one be sent to inspect a Corps but one regularly appointed and instructed. I believe it would be to the advantage of our order if there was appointed an assistant I. and I. officer in each Congressional district, just as the Grand Army appoints their assistant inspectors. I make this recommendation because many Corps suffer from inadequate instructions given at institution and also because often the I. and I. officer did not give time enough to the work.

I would recommend for the benefit of incoming President and Inspector that the department roster contain the name of the county as well as the town in which each Corps is located. Some of the Corps are in very small inland towns and it requires a great deal of time to locate them in making out inspection routes.

The work of inspecting these 119 Corps cost the Department \$227.93, which averages \$1.91 to each Corps. My thanks are due Gen. McNulta for his kindness in placing at my convenience 720 miles of railroad. Also to General passenger agent of P., D. & E. R. R. for reduced rates.

The Woman's Relief Corps is one of the greatest educators in our country. Through our relation to it many of us are learning methods of business we would have acquired in no other way. We are learning to sink narrow and selfish ideas and are coming out on the broad platform of Charity. Charity, not of dollars and cents, but of the grander, nobler type that makes allowance for the failures of others, that lends to our sisters the assistance of kind words and smiles, and withholds the unkind words so often thoughtlessly spoken. Let us continue in the good work.

In view of the immense sacrifice made for us and the confidence reposed in us, we owe it to the Grand Army of the Republic to make the most of our opportunities for good.

And now, in surrendering the office to which I was appointed, I desire in behalf of my assistants and myself to thank the department of Illinois for the kind and pleasant manner in which we were received and entertained.

I trust the Department President has not regretted conferring the honor upon us.

The work we have done, the time spent and inconveniences suffered has all been for the advancement of our noble order and the department of Illinois.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Number of Corps inspected, 112.

Number of members in good standing Sept. 30, 1888, 3,909.

Amount of money in the Relief Fund, \$2,584.88.

Amount expended in relief from Oct. 1, 1887, to Oct. 1, 1888, \$2,636.68.

Estimated value of relief other than money, \$1,100.67.

Number of Corps graded excellent, 21.

Number of Corps graded good, 45.

Number of Corps graded fair, 33.

Number of Corps graded poor, 13.

RECAPITULATION.

(1) Number of members in good standing.....	3909
(2) Amount spent for relief.....	\$3737 35
(3) Amount in relief funds.....	2584 88
(4) Average attendance of officers.....	5
(5) Average attendance of members.....	20 $\frac{1}{2}$
(6) Number of corps inspected.....	113

Respectfully submitted

in F. C. and L.,

INEZ J. BENDER,

Department Inspector.

DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR'S REPORT.

DELAVAL, ILL., Feb. 6, 1889.

MISS JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND,

Department Secretary W. R. C. of Illinois:

Allow me to present to you and through you to the Department President and members of the Sixth Department Convention of W. R. C. of Illinois, the following report for the year ending Feb. 20, 1889:

As Counselor for your Department President I have ever endeavored to serve her to the best of my ability in accordance with instructions laid down in R. and R. During my term of office, my duties have been few and light, scarcely sufficient to warrant a report that can add to the interests of the Sixth Department Convention, yet in accordance with the custom and honor due the office, I hereby report all duties faithfully performed that have been assigned by the Department President. No official counsel has been sought or given outside that of the Department President. To the many letters coming from all parts of the State, I have responded in a friendly and sisterly manner, referring all parties to department headquarters for official answers. In compliance with duty I have obeyed R. and R. when these were lacking. Beaths' Blue Book has been my guide. When both were silent, I have exercised my best judgment on all questions referred or sought.

Trusting my feeble efforts have each and all been received by your Department President in the spirit they were given, and with a wish that the future for the W. R. C. of Illinois may be full of success and prosperity.

I am most fraternally, in F. C. and L.,

SUE A. SANDERS,

Department Counselor.

DEPARTMENT I. & I. OFFICER'S REPORT.

PONTIAC, ILL., Feb. 8, 1889.

MRS. SARAH M. BRADFORD,

Department President :

MRS. PRESIDENT—I have the pleasure of reporting to you and the members of W. R. C. of Department of Illinois, in convention assembled, that our beloved Order is still growing within our borders. That its benign influences are extending in many new directions. And also I have the honor of furnishing the subjoined reports of the Corps instituted during the year that is past, and of the installation of officers of 83 Corps, as reported to me, for the coming year. During the past year 29 Corps have been instituted. I feel assured, from present indications, the good seed so carefully sown has become well rooted, and in the years which are to come will yield a glad fruition. I trust the ladies appointed to assist me in the work of I. and I. will cherish a tender interest and loving pride in the Corps they have instituted, and extend to them ever a heartfelt sympathy lest by some untoward circumstance they become weary in well doing and faint by the way. To these ladies I take this opportunity of extending my thanks for their promptness and courtesy—many writing kindly letters descriptive of the interest of the Posts in their new auxiliary, and of the festivities of the occasion. Of the 126 Corps in the Department, I have received reports of 84, including the last one instituted, February 5, of the installation of officers for the coming year. Of these I am glad to report so many having joint installations of Post, Corps, and S. of V. Surely this is an example worthy a large imitation; 20 joint installations with President; 9 public to Post, S. of V., their families or ladies; 2 simply public; 1 a reception to all friends; 17 private; 30 reports without comment; 42 Corps remaining unreported to date. Too much, I think, cannot be said in favor of joint installations, especially of the three Orders. Many letters have accompanied these reports, for which I return my thanks, giving accounts of the pleasures of the time of installation, all showing an amount of good feeling delightful to know. In many instances banquets have been spread, usually by the Corps, sometimes by the Post. Other letters count more elaborations, having made a “social event” of the time long to be remembered, and rendering our Order pleasantly conspicuous. Others speak of the hard tack and coffee served, and lively times

generally, brought about by this remembrance of bygone days. I would respectfully urge, so far as possible, that all Corps imitate the foregoing examples of unity and good cheer, for they surely go far towards strengthening the bonds of fraternity, charity, and loyalty.

I desire to extend my thanks, at this time, to the Executive Officers of this Department for their many kindnesses and unvarying courtesy shown me during my term of office.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

MARY K. HOLTZMAN,

Department I. & I. Officer.

TABULATED REPORT OF INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 1889.

Name of Corps.	No.	Location.	Date.	Remarks.	Installing Officer.
G. L. Nevins.....	1	Rockford.....	Jan. 7	Public.....	Mrs. Mary E. VanAlstyne.....
Lookout Mountain.....	2	Henry.....	" 7	".....	".....
Veteran.....	3	Elgin.....	" 15	Private.....	".....
Dunham.....	4	Deatur.....	" 28	Joint.....	Sallie Freeman.....
Alfred Harrison.....	5	Palatine.....	" 5	".....	".....
McClanahan.....	6	Monmouth.....	" 11	".....	".....
Woman's Relief Corps.....	7	Bloomington.....	Feb. 1	".....	".....
Col. Shaw.....	8	Quincy.....	Jan. 2	".....	".....
Joe Hooker.....	9	Canton.....	Jan. 16	".....	Mrs. Clara W. Harral.....
Aurora.....	10	Aurora.....	" 16	".....	".....
J. F. French.....	11	Princeville.....	" 17	Public.....	Mrs. Ellen Ziegler.....
Beyner.....	12	Peoria.....	Jan. 17	".....	No report.....
Chillicothe.....	13	Chillicothe.....	" 18	".....	".....
John Brown.....	14	Chicago.....	Jan. 18	Public.....	Mrs. Mary K. Holtzman.....
T. Lytle Diekey.....	15	Pontiac.....	" 10	Joint.....	Mrs. Julia G. Sine.....
Darveau.....	16	Morris.....	" 9	".....	Miss Josephine P. Cleveland.....
Stephenson.....	17	Springfield.....	" 21	Private.....	Mrs. Lettie A. Burst.....
Porter.....	18	Sycamore.....	" 9	Joint.....	P. P. C., Post 33, R. W. Jones.....
Galva.....	19	Galva.....	" 4	".....	Past Dept. Com. A. C. Sweetzer.....
Phillips.....	20	Litchfield.....	" 9	Public.....	Rev. F. E. Wright.....
Leman.....	21	Farmer City.....	" 9	Joint.....	".....
Nunda.....	22	Nunda.....	" 9	".....	".....
J. A. Mulligan.....	23	Chicago.....	Jan. 3	Public.....	Mrs. Hattie Collier.....
Lott.....	24	Gibson City.....	Jan. 11	".....	".....
Eli Bowyer.....	25	Olney.....	" 13	Public.....	No Report.....
Lacomb.....	26	Lacomb.....	" 13	".....	".....
Isaac McManus.....	27	Keithsburg.....	Jan. 14	".....	".....
Graham.....	28	Moline.....	Jan. 14	".....	".....
A. C. Harding.....	29	Roseville.....	Jan. 14	Private.....	".....
Jas. A. Garfield.....	30	Magnolia.....	Jan. 18	".....	".....
Union.....	31	Augusta.....	" 12	Private.....	Sarah M. Bradford, Dept. Pres.....
Fells.....	32	Pecatonica.....	" 12	".....	".....
McDonough.....	33	Macomb.....	Jan. 14	Joint.....	P. P. C., M. H. Case.....
Delavan.....	34	Delavan.....	Jan. 12	Public.....	Sue A. Sanders, Past Dept. Pres.....
Seigwick.....	35	Gardner.....	" 5	".....	No report.....
W. R. C.....	36	Sumner.....	Jan. 5	Private.....	".....
Wauconda.....	37	Wauconda.....	Feb. 1	Joint.....	P. P. C., D. A. Woodland.....
M. K. Lawler.....	38	Shawneetown.....	Jan. 28	".....	".....
Dan McCook.....	39	Elmwood.....	" 28	".....	".....
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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS—Continued.

Name of Corps.	No.	Location.	Date.	Remarks.	Installing Officer.
Capt. A. F. Knight	41	Albany			No report
George Newell	42	Harrisburg			Ella A. Murray
Thomas Hiddle	43	Jersey	Jan. 9	Joint	
John A. Davis	44	Fresport	" 19		
Will C. Robinson	45	Stirling	" 14	Joint	Mrs. Phoebe Mann
Chas. A. Clark	46	Ridge Farm	" 7	Private	
John Wood	47	Quincy			No report
Monroe	48	Casey			
Russell	49	Hamilton	Jan. 19		
Ellsworth	50	Onauka	Jan. 21		
John Hittle	51	Mackinaw			No Report
Harley Wayne	52	Marengo	Jan. 5		
A. C. Phillips	53	Kellair	Jan. 15	Post Present	
S. N. Sanders	54	Arcola	" 10	No Report	
Sparta	55	Sparta		"	
J. A. Matthy	56	Morsville		"	
McPherson	57	Saybrook		"	
John A. Bross	58	Springfield		"	
McCullough	59	Earlville		"	
Geddes	60	La Harpe	Jan. 22	Public	
Cooling	61	Byron			
Bogardus	62	Washington	Jan. 10	Public	
Henry Longnecker	63	Robinson	" 21	Private	Viola Parsons
Franklin	64	Monticello	" 21	Public	
J. P. Jasley	65	Camp Point	Feb. 14		
John Buford	66	Rock Island	Jan. 8	Public	
Henry Cobb	67	Metropolis			
Carter Van Vleck	68	Bushnell	Jan. 8	Public	
Homer	69	Homer	Jan. 10	Public	H. J. Wiggins, J. P. C.
Alexander Simpson	70	Carthage	" 8		Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, Dept. Pres.
Jacquith	71	Chebanse	" 29	Joint	Peter Wright
James Adams	72	Cherry Point or Chrisman	" 5	Public	
Silas Casey	73	Brighton Park			P. P. C., John Armstrong
James Hutchinson	74	Dewitt	Jan. 12	Public	
Wash Alexander	75	Redlamy		No report	
Kensaw	76	Danville			
Coulterville	77	Danville	Jan. 15		
McLane	78	Coutersville			
Z. S. Clifford	79	Beardstown	Jan. 12		
Meritt Simons	80	Equality	Jan. 12		
		De Kalb	" 3		

Godfrey Weitzel.....	81	Chicago.....	Jan. 1	Public.....	Mrs. Minnie M. Kyle.....
McDowell.....	82	East St. Louis.....	No report.....	No report.....	.....
Mesaca.....	83	Genoa.....	Jan. 2	Private.....	.....
Robert Hale.....	84	Fulton.....	No report.....	No report.....	.....
Barrington.....	85	Barrington.....	Jan. 12	Public.....	.....
Driskell.....	86	Paris.....	Jan. 14	Private.....	.....
Warren Stewart.....	87	Cairo.....	Jan. 15	Public.....	Mrs. Artimesia Hall.....
Mendel.....	88	Springfield.....	" 1	".....	P. P. C., S. G. Burdick, Post No. 55.....
Amos Morey.....	89	New Canton.....	" 4	Private.....	.....
John McTucker.....	90	Barry.....	" 7	No report.....	.....
Farragut.....	91	Chicago.....	" 14	No report.....	.....
W. H. L. Wallace.....	92	Centralia.....	Jan. 14	Public.....	P. P. C., Bela Garrison.....
Joseph Woodruff.....	93	Marseilles.....	Jan. 25	No report.....	.....
J. P. Foster.....	94	Cairo.....	"	".....	.....
Chiles.....	95	Palmira.....	"	".....	.....
J. A. Parrott.....	96	Prophetstown.....	"	".....	.....
O. P. Courtwright.....	97	Blandinsville.....	"	".....	.....
Julius A. Pratt.....	98	Kewanee.....	"	".....	.....
R. K. McCoy.....	99	Clayton.....	"	".....	.....
Sidell.....	100	Sidell.....	"	".....	.....
Thos. Markley.....	101	Hutsonville.....	"	".....	.....
F. D. Hubbell.....	102	Hillsboro.....	"	".....	.....
Polo.....	103	Polo.....	"	".....	.....
P. B. Archer.....	104	Marshall.....	"	".....	.....
George Kidler.....	105	Milledgeville.....	"	".....	Mrs. Mary K. Holtzman.....
W. A. Babcock.....	106	Onarga.....	"	".....	Mrs. M. I. Sandes.....
Abraham Lincoln.....	107	Chicago.....	"	".....	Miss Josephine P. Cleveland.....
Matt Starr.....	108	Jacksonville.....	"	".....	.....
F. M. Long.....	109	Taylorville.....	"	".....	.....
Major Lee.....	110	Rossville.....	"	".....	.....
Trimber.....	111	Glassford.....	"	".....	.....
Piano.....	112	Plano.....	"	".....	.....
Alexander.....	113	Flora.....	"	".....	Mrs. Lizzie Hubbard.....
Mother Bickedyke.....	114	Edinburg.....	"	".....	No report.....
Streator.....	115	Streator.....	"	".....	Mrs. Mary K. Holtzman.....
Waukegan.....	116	Waukegan.....	"	".....	No report.....
Leo W. Myers.....	117	Lincoln.....	"	".....	.....
Whipple.....	118	Kankakee.....	"	".....	.....
Albion.....	119	Albion.....	"	".....	.....
Jas. J. Shields.....	120	Galesburg.....	"	".....	.....
Alatoona.....	121	Armington.....	"	".....	.....
T. W. Humphrey.....	122	Kirkland.....	"	".....	.....
Paxton.....	123	Paxton.....	"	".....	.....
Emery.....	124	Buda.....	"	".....	.....
	125		"	".....	.....
	126		"	".....	.....

Mrs. Stadden referred to a resolution passed at the last Department Convention, and asked if it was not to the effect that hereafter all reports were to be referred to the Committee on Reports, without reading, save those of the President, Secretary and Treasurer. If so, she would like to have the benefit of it. The Department President decided that was the intention of the resolution referred to, save that of the Delegate at Large.

Mrs. Stadden being that person, was invited to read her report, which proved most interesting.

REPORT OF DELEGATE AT LARGE.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., FEB. 1, 1889.

To the Officers and Members Department of Illinois W. R. C.:

As the Delegate-at-large, representing the Department of Illinois, at the National Convention W. R. C., which convened in its sixth annual session at Columbus, Ohio, September 12, 1888. I beg leave to submit the following report:

The roll of delegates to the National Convention showed a large increase in the membership of the convention over that of 1887, and the number of visitors in attendance greater than ever before.

Of the general business of the convention you will learn through its published official proceedings. It is not necessary that I should take up the time of this convention in reporting upon details. I will, therefore, confine my report to matters of legislation of interest to this department, and to incidents and episodes pleasant to recall and cherish in memory. Permit me to reverse the maxim "to attend to business before pleasure," and first refer to the hospitality and courtesies literally showered upon the delegates to the convention by Wells' Corps, W. R. C., of Columbus, Ohio. At the noon hour each day during the sitting of the convention an elegant lunch was served in the hall where the convention was held, and there was left with each delegate, as a souvenir, a beautiful hand-painted menu card. Each day our Department Headquarters were furnished with beautiful floral designs. Those who attended

the convention in San Francisco said that even California, the land of fruit and flowers, did not excell Columbus in flowers, either in beauty or design.

On Wednesday evening the convention met in Towne Street M. E. Church, where Wells' Corps exemplified the secret work of the order. The work was executed in a highly artistic style, and in an admirable manner; but I must confess that there was little that I could recognize as the ritual of the W. R. C., with which I was familiar from the books, or as exemplified at the fifth National Convention at St. Louis, in 1887.

In accordance with general orders from National Headquarters, your delegate-at-large forwarded the resolutions and recommendations adopted at the annual convention of this department at its session in February last, to the National Headquarters for reference to the National Council.

I will not burden you with a recital of all these resolutions and recommendations, but will content myself with reproducing the resolution and recommendation adopted by the National Convention, namely:

1. That by-laws be written, adopted and presented to National Headquarters, which shall make it compulsory for all corps having troubles which demand expense for investigation, to pay the amount of the same. [Rec. 9, page 93, Dep't. Proceedings, 1888.]

2. *Resolved*, That the Department of Illinois present the following resolution to our next National Convention for action: "*Resolved*, That a badge similar to the button worn by the comrades of the G. A. R. be adopted, viz: A miniature pin in the form of a Maltese Cross, inscribed within the margin with the words, 'Woman's Relief Corps,' and in the center our monogram, 'F. C. & L.'" [Res. 3, page 99, Dep't. Proceedings, 1888.]

In accordance with the recommendation first above recited, the following was adopted by the Executive Board May 22, 1888, and presented to National Headquarters for approval:

By-Law. "The expense incident to a Court of Inquiry called to investigate or settle trouble in a Corps, shall be borne by said Corps."

The Committee on Resolutions at the National Convention only reported to the convention such resolutions and recommendations of the several departments as it approved of. The report was not made until 10 o'clock at night of the third day of the convention, and the special order for the evening at the same time being the installation of officers. We remained in session for this order of business until 1 A. M. You will not have much difficulty in appre-

ciating the prospect for legislation under such circumstances. One delegate, who was disappointed in not hearing of her resolution from the committee, called for a report upon the resolutions from her department. She was put down for her pains, so impatient were the delegates at that late hour.

I have the honor herewith to submit a list of officers and delegates present and absent at the National Convention:

President Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, present at all sessions.
Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton, S. V. Pres., present.
Mrs. Ophie Wells, J. V. Pres., absent half day.
Miss J. P. Cleveland, Dep't. Sec'y., present.
Past President Mrs. Sine, present.
Past President Clara W. Harral, absent last day.
Past President Sue A. Sanders, present.
Delegate-at-Large M. J. Stadden, present.
Alternate-at-Large Ella Cobean, absent.

DELEGATES.

Mrs. Mary P. Gale, Corps No. 26, present.
Mrs. Minnie M. Kyle, Corps No. 108, present.
Mrs. Sadie Rowley, Corps No. 7, present.
Mrs. Laura E. Distin, Corps No. 48, absent last day.
Mrs. Agnes Moody, Corps No. 14, present.
Mrs. Josephine Minnemyer, Corps No. 12, absent.

I desire to close this report with this single remark: The National Convention is a large and unwieldy body at best, and by the constant interruptions by "notable" visitors, the confusion naturally incident to the clash of "many minds," the vigor of the "vigilant" delegate to get her own pet schemes through, so delays the business of the convention and wearies the delegates that final adjournment is hailed with delight, little knowing, and perhaps for the time being, little caring, what has been done, and how. There may have been those in the Sixth National Convention who were satisfied with the business transacted. For myself I am free to confess that I came away feeling that I had gained little knowledge or experience of a satisfactory character.

MARY J. STADDEN.

At the conclusion of this report the Department President requested the conductors to escort the three Past Department Presidents to the rostrum, and she introduced them to the members of the convention in a few well chosen and witty words, closing with: "Ladies, I take great pleasure in making you acquainted with your first, second and third Department Presidents:"

Mrs. Julia G. Sine.....	Rockford
Mrs. Clara W. Harral.....	Aurora
Mrs. Sue A. Sanders.....	Delavan

Department Secretary remarked that the three representing the length, breadth and depth of the department—a cube but not *double-faced*.

A motion by Mrs. Shultz, seconded by Mrs. Minnemyer, that members present without their corps badges be allowed to remain in convention, it being impossible now to obtain them. Carried.

The chairman on credentials, Miss Cleveland, then reported 163 delegates and other representatives present, entitled to one vote each. The Department Council voted as such, and each corps they represented deducted one, as each member had only one vote, although they held a dual position.

Mrs. Frances Wilson, (colored) being present, but election returns in to late for secretary's list, on motion of Mrs. Sine, seconded by Department Senior Vice-President, was received and admitted as a delegate, it being confidently believed that her word could be taken in the matter.

Ribbon badges were then distributed to each of the delegates.

The Department President then stated that there had been an invitation extended by the local Grand Army to attend a camp-fire to be given in Representative Hall, State House, this P. M. She further stated that had she known previously of this entertainment she would have named another time in General Order No. 9 for the exemplification of the ritual.

On motion, properly seconded, the matter of changing the hour for exemplifying the ritual to 9 A. M., Thursday, came before the convention for discussion, and was finally carried.

On motion, properly seconded, it was proposed to accept the invitation to the camp-fire. Carried unanimously by a rising vote.

A communication was read from Governor and Mrs. Fifer, inviting the members of the convention to a reception at the executive mansion, Thursday evening, from 8 to 10:30 o'clock. Unanimously accepted, with applause. It was also voted to send a card of acceptance with thanks. So ordered by the President.

The Secretary announced that she had the tickets to the camp-fire, for delegates and visitors only—that Springfield corps could have the crumbs if any were left.

The following appeal was entered by Mrs. M. I. Sandes:

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., FEB. 20, 1889.

MRS. SARAH M. BRADFORD,

Department President W. R. C.

In consideration of the fact that all present are in possession of a circular pamphlet that is being distributed among the members of this convention, in which my name most disgracefully appears, and not only tends to misrepresent me in every particular, but must necessarily become a detriment, if not a disgrace, to our order, I appeal to this Sixth Department Convention of Illinois, for legal and official protection, both for myself and the W. R. C. of Illinois, and especially for Corps No. 23, of Chicago, whom I represent.

Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, of Corps No. 81, Chicago, made a most stirring talk, and suggested that a committee of seven be appointed by the convention, with authority to summon witnesses, and investigate.

Mrs. Sue A. Sanders moved, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, that Mrs. Pitkin be chairman of that committee. Motion prevailed.

On motion, properly seconded, the other six members of the committee were appointed in the following order: Mrs. Leaverton, Mrs. Sanders, Miss Bross, Mrs. Sine, Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Steele.

The Department Secretary announced that she would sign the railroad certificates directly after the close of the session.

On motion, the convention adjourned till Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEB. 21, 1889.

The hour (9 A. M.) having arrived for the special order of business, the exemplification of the ritual by Stephenson Corps No. 17, of Springfield, (with the officers of 1888 in the chairs), for the benefit and instruction of the Convention, inspected by the Department officers. Mrs. Stadden, President, gave one rap of the gavel, and called the Corps to order.

The guard secured the door, and the conductors found all present members of the order.

The roll call of the Secretary found the following officers present:

President.....	Mrs. Mary J. Stadden.
Senior Vice-President.....	Mrs. L. L. Swigert.
Junior Vice-President.....	Mrs. Hattie Manlove.
Secretary.....	Mrs. Frank Nafew.
Treasurer.....	Mrs. Esther Woods.
Chaplain.....	*Miss Mary Springer.
Conductor.....	Mrs. Nellie Hansbery.
Guard.....	Mrs. Ruie Dodge.
Assistant Conductor.....	Mrs. C. W. Freeman.
Assistant Guard.....	A. A. North.

The exemplification of the ritual having been gone through with, during which Mrs. Emily Lippencott, of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy, was initiated a member of Stephenson Corps, with Mrs. Kitty Weaver, as a volunteer. The Corps closed in due form.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Convention opened with Department President in the chair. Conductors reported all present were found members of the order. The Chaplain, Mrs. Ellen Ziegler, invoked the Divine blessing, after which the minutes of last meeting were read, and after corrections, approved.

Department President was presented with a basket of rare flowers by Stephenson Corps No. 17.

A communication was received and read from Mr. Cochenour, informing the convention that the Senate Chamber was at their disposal.

SPRINGFIELD, FEB. 21, 1889.

President Woman's Relief Corp, Springfield, Ill.

MADAM :—I am authorized by a resolution just passed the Encampment that the Senate Chamber is at your disposal. Yours most respectfully,

JOHN S. COCHENOUR, Com.

Motion was made that the invitation be accepted with thanks. Seconded. Mrs. Stadden remarked that the Mexican veterans were to occupy the Senate Chamber during the forenoon. An amendment was offered and accepted by the mover, that we re-assemble after the noon recess at the place mentioned. Carried. Secretary was instructed to send letter of acceptance.

*The Corps Chaplain, Mrs. E. M. Smith, was excused to fill the place of organist.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., FEB. 21, 1889.

JOHN S. COHENNOUR.

Encampment Com., G. A. R.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:—Your very courteous communication, tendering the Senate Chamber to the Convention W. R. C. is gratefully accepted, it now coming so we can, and the Convention has, by a rising vote, decided that when this Convention adjourns it do so to convene at the Senate Chamber this P. M.

I have the honor, in behalf of the Convention, to communicate the above to you.

I am yours truly, in F. C. and L.,

JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND, Dep't. Sec., W. R. C.

Moved and carried that greetings be sent from this convention to the Encampment of the Grand Army at the State House, and the following persons were appointed by the President to convey the greetings: Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Chicago; Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, Delavan; Mrs. Sallie J. Steele, Decatur; who immediately repaired to execute the expressed desire of the convention. The Guard announced that three comrades of the Grand Army Encampment were in waiting in the ante-room; a recess was taken and they were admitted, timing their steps to a martial melody by the organist. They were M. D. Massey, New Canton; C. F. Matteson, Chicago, and L. B. Crooker, Mendota. They were introduced by the Conductor to the President, who invited them to the rostrum, where they were introduced to the convention, and salutes exchanged. In most beautiful word painting, replete with patriotic sentiment, the greeting of the Encampment G. A. R. was conveyed to the convention, each member in turn giving words of encouragement and cheer, and also bringing back the old days to mind, tears to the eye and smiles to the lip, alternately. Among the resolutions recommended by the Committee on Resolutions at the Encampment, and afterward passed, the following was read by Col. Massey, and received with applause:

Resolved, That this Encampment hereby tenders its grateful thanks to the Woman's Relief Corps of this State for the noble work of the past year, in so generously aiding our distressed comrades and their families, and also for their many contributions to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy, by means of which the cottages and hospital otherwise lacking in adornment, have been made bright and attractive, and homelike to those of our comrades who have sought their shelter.

Resolved, That the Department Commander appoint a committee of three to immediately present the foregoing resolution to the Committee of the Woman's Relief Corps, now in session in this city.

After a graceful response by the Department President, Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, the comrades were escorted from

the Hall by the Conductors, to the inspiring strains of Gen. Percival Smith's grand march.

Business was resumed: Moved by Mrs. M. A. Bradley, and seconded by Mrs. Elerding, that the report of the investigating committee, in the case of appeal of Mrs. M. I. Sandes, of Chicago, be at once received. After discussion, this was evidently the voice of the convention. A point of order being raised that there was a special order of business for this hour, and it being so near noon, Mrs. Bradley admitted the point of order, and with the consent of her second, moved that the election of officers be temporarily dispensed with and taken up as the first order of business at the afternoon session—seconded by Mrs. Morgan. Carried.

Mrs. Pitkin, the chairman of the investigating committee, then made some earnest remarks expressing her belief that Mrs. Sandes would be cleared of the charges, and if so, not only in the eyes of the members of Chicago Corps, but of the entire Department. The Secretary of the Committee, Mrs. Steele then read the report of the investigating committee, as follows:

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Feb. 21, 1889.

To the Officers and Members of W. R. C. of Sixth Annual Convention of Ill.:

Your committee, appointed upon appeal of Mrs. Margaret I. Sandes, to investigate the trouble presented in circular letter spread before this convention, ask to make the the following report:

After due reading and consideration possible in so short a time, we find it impossible to sustain these charges against Mrs. Margaret I. Sandes without further time, and evidence produced by personal witnesses, records, etc.

We also find a communication where Department President has declared Mrs. C. D. Messenger re-instated in Mulligan Corps No. 23. So far this decision is law until reversed by this convention, and then the party has still the right of appeal. The chairman of this committee has in her possession the letter referred to above, and will read the same if requested by this convention.

We make the following recommendation: That a committee of five be sent to Chicago to investigate the matter in full, with power to summon witnesses, and report to the incoming Department President, who shall promulgate the result through General Orders—expenses to be borne by this department.

(Signed)

MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
MRS. D. A. LEAVERTON,
MRS. SUE A. SANDERS,
MRS. JULIA G. SINE,
MISS JENNIE BROSS,
MRS. GEORGIA BERRY,
MRS. SALLIE J. STEELE.

Permission was then granted to read the letter referred to, or a portion of it, as Mrs. Pitkin desired, after which Department President arose to a question of privilege, which was granted by the convention. She stated:

The chairman has read an extract from the letter referred to, and nowhere in it has Department President said she re-instated Dr. Messenger, although this was the construction put upon it by the committee.

Department President said she found the charges preferred against Dr. Messenger were not properly made, and declared them void, leaving Dr. Messenger standing the same as though these charges had not been preferred.

The laws that govern our Order are always in force. A member six months in arrears for dues is suspended, and one year in arrears is dropped from the roll—R. & R, Chap. V, Art. III, Sec. 1, 2.

If Dr. Messenger was not in arrears when charges were preferred (as she claims), and had not meanwhile paid her dues, she was simply a suspended member, and could, by paying her dues, re-instate herself.

If she was in arrears (as the Corps books show) when the charges were preferred, and meanwhile had not paid her dues, she was, according to our law, dropped from the roll, and could be re-instated only according to R. & R. Chap. V, Art. III, Sec. 2. This was a matter to be settled by her and the Corps.

Beath's opinion, as used by Department President, was clearly misapplied, and could have no force as against our own law. Although in my understanding and application of that opinion, I was confirmed by Department Counselor, who wrote me—"My opinion is that no member can be suspended for non-payment of dues while under charges"—and yet I was mistaken.

Furthermore, any other statement to Mrs. Messenger, as to her relationship to the Corps, as to paying arrearages, taking a transfer, etc., was based on her claim that she was not in arrears when charges were preferred.

The gratuitous assertion in report of this committee, on a *matter not referred to them*, that the Department President re-instated Dr. Messenger in a Corps, scarcely merits a reply. Every lady familiar with our R. & R, is aware that the Department President has no such power. Such action would be of no force. The Department President is as powerless to do the work of a Corps as the National President is to do the work of a Department.

Moved by Mrs. Minnemyer, seconded by Mrs. Clark, that the report be accepted as given. Considerable discussion for and against followed. After an amendment by Mrs. Bradley substituting three instead of five, as recommended by the committee, accepted by Mrs. Minnemyer, the motion was carried.

The original committee was then discharged, and the Department President asked for time to appoint the committee of three, agreeing to report the names at the afternoon session. Granted. Secretary announced she would remain in the hall during the noon recess to sign the railroad certificates. Adjourned till 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Convened in Senate Chamber at 2 o'clock. After the conductors had taken up the password, the Chaplain led in the Lord's Prayer, after which three telegrams were read from the following:

MILWAUKEE WIS., February 20, 1889.
 TO MRS. SARAH M. BRADFORD,
President W. R. C. Convention:

Fraternal greetings to Department Convention of Illinois.
 CHARITY RUSK CRAIG, National President.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., February 20, 1889.
 TO MRS. SARAH M. BRADFORD:
 Wisconsin sends reciprocal greeting to her Illinois sisters in convention assembled, and bids them God speed.
 CAROLINE H. BELL,
 Department President.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., February 20, 1889.
 TO SARAH M. BRADFORD:
 Greetings. Have convention take action for relief of volunteer nurses.
 GERTIE ROGERS.

Election of officers was now in order.

Moved by Mrs. Harral, seconded by Mrs. Sine, that no nominating speeches be made respecting the fitness of candidates.

The Senior Vice-President said this would be contrary to all precedent, and would be deemed by some unfair, and wished to amend the motion by limiting speeches from three to five minutes.

Failing of a second, the motion before the convention prevailed.

President then appointed Mrs. Craver, Mrs. Hayes and Miss Bross, tellers.

Mrs. Margaret Sands, of Chicago, proposed the name of Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, of Augusta, which was seconded by several, and received with applause, which almost drowned the thanks of Mrs. Bradford, and that she *must* decline. Mrs. Julia G. Sine, of Rockford, moved that Mrs. Bradford be declared unanimously elected by a rising vote, seconded by several.* It was then moved by Mrs. Kyle, and seconded by Mrs. Ballinger, that Miss Cleveland, the Secretary, be requested to cast the vote of the convention for Mrs. Bradford. There being no objection it was done.

This order of business being closed nominations for Senior Vice-President were in order. Several candidates were nominated. All declined but Mrs. Minnie M. Kyle, of Chicago, and Mrs. Mary J. Stadden, of Springfield. One hundred and sixty-three votes were cast, making necessary to a choice eighty-two. Ballot resulted in the election of Mrs. Stadden.

*The motion was put by the Senior Vice-President, Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton, of Palestine, and prevailed.

Nominations for Junior Vice-President were next in order.

The name of Mrs. Laura E. Distin, of Quincy, was proposed by Mrs. Hall, of Camp Point, seconded by Miss Cleveland. Mrs. Ellen Ziegler, of Peoria, was proposed by Mrs. Nicols, of Galva, seconded by Mrs. Easton, of Peoria. Mrs. Ward, of Gibson City, was nominated by Mrs. Miller, of Monticello, seconded by Mrs. Sandes, of Chicago. Mrs. Susie C. Davis, of Springfield, nominated by Mrs. M. Jackson, of Springfield, seconded by Mrs. Moody, of Chicago. Mrs. Carrie T. Becker, of Elgin, proposed by Mrs. Inez Bender, seconded by Mrs. Linscott. Mrs. Esther Woods, proposed by Mrs. M. J. Hes, of Springfield, seconded by Mrs. Freeman.

President then declared nominations closed.

No choice on first ballot. Result of second ballot for Junior Vice-President declared Mrs. Laura E. Distin elected.

While the tellers were counting the ballots a telegram from Quincy to Col. Distin was read, inviting the Grand Army and Woman's Relief Corps to hold their next encampment and convention at that city. This was signed by thirty-five citizens "and 500 others."

Next in order were nominations for Treasurer.

Miss Ada Carlton, of Bloomington, was nominated by Mrs. Swigert, of Springfield, seconded by Mrs. Hall. Mrs. Mary A. Bradley, of Decatur, nominated by Mrs. Steele, seconded by Mrs. M. I. Sandes. Mrs. Alice Eggleston, of Delavan, nominated by Mrs. Van Horne, seconded by Mrs. Bender.

Result of ballot, Miss Ada Carlton elected Department Treasurer.

The nominations for Chaplain were: Mrs. Mary R. Fletcher, of Morris, nominated by Mrs. Eldred, of Gardner, seconded by Mrs. Sandes. Mrs. Carrie T. Becker, of Elgin, was nominated by Mrs. Inez J. Bender, seconded by Mrs. Brydges. Resulted in the election of Mrs. Mary R. Fletcher, Chaplain.

Nominations for Executive Board next in order. Eight ladies were placed in nomination, resulting in the election of:

*Mrs. Sue A. Sanders.....	Delavan.
Mrs. Sarah Freeman.....	Palestine.
Mrs. Marilla Ward.....	Gibson City.
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin.....	Chicago.
Mrs. Julia G. Sine.....	Rockford.

*In the order of rank.

While the tellers were counting the ballots it was announced by the President that the thanks of this convention had been returned the thirty-five citizens "and 500 more," of Quincy, care of Col. Distin, signifying the grateful acceptance of the invitation to hold the Seventh Annual meeting W. R. C. there. A response was also voted sent the National President in reply to her telegram.

Mrs. Emily Lippincott, matron of the Hospital, Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Quincy, was introduced to the convention, and made some interesting statements regarding the further needs of the old soldiers in the Hospital of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home.

At the close of her remarks she was asked of what they stood most in need at present. She replied: "Easy rocking chairs; not new fashioned ones, but the good old time Boston Rocker." Thirty-eight corps, 1, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 24, 28, 30, 34, 35, 50, 51, 52, 58, 59, 63, 64, 66, 73, 78, 80, 81, 88, 91, 92—six chairs, 94, 108, 109, 118, 121, volunteered through their representatives, to send, each, one high-backed rocking chair, as soon as practicable to the Home.

Mrs. Melville, of Jacksonville, made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Van Horne, that each Corps furnish a head rest with the chair. Amended by the addition of a cushion for each chair. Accepted and carried.

A Rockford delegate reported ten chair cushions nearly ready to send from her Corps.

The following resolution was then offered:

Resolved, That this convention ask the National Convention to do away with the exemplification of the ritual at our Department Convention, sending out only thoroughly competent inspectors, who will impart needed and uniform instruction.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

MRS. FLO. MILLER AND MRS. MECIE TATEMAN, Corps No. 64.

Seconded and adopted.

Miss Jennie Bross, Corps No. 16, Morris; Mrs. Emma C. Beckley, Corps No. 22, Elgin, and Mrs. Mary Whitney, Corps No. 92, Chicago, Chairman, were named by the Department President as the committee of three to act in the Mrs. M. I. Sandes' appeal case.

Nominations were in order for Delegate-at-Large. Six ladies were placed in nomination. The ballot resulted in the election of Mrs. Mary A. Bradley, of Decatur, as Delegate-at-Large. Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton Alternaté-at-Large.

At this point Miss Bross asked to be excused as teller, and Mrs. Miller was appointed by the chair to take her place.

The Department President announced that nominations for Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention were now in order, and that the representation is one in 800 members left in good standing at the close of the fourth quarter ending December 30, 1888, said number being 4020, entitles the Department to five (5) Delegates and as many Alternates.

Twenty-nine ladies were placed in nomination. Result of the ballot as follows:

DELEGATES.

Miss Jennie Bross.....	Morris.
Mrs. Inez J. Bender.....	Monticello.
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin.....	Chicago.
Mrs. Minnie M. Kyle.....	Chicago.
Mrs. Mary P. Gale.....	Lacon.

ALTERNATES.

Mrs. M. I. Sandes.....	Chicago.
Mrs. Eliza Torrance.....	Pontiac.
Mrs. Charlotte E. Newbern.....	Chicago.
Mrs. Mary Eldred.....	Gardner.
Mrs. Susie C. Davis.....	Springfield.

While the tellers were counting these ballots, Mrs. Bradford, in some timely remarks, presented Mrs. Eva Munson Smith with a beautiful gold badge, for services rendered in recording the minutes of the convention.

Mrs. Smith was taken completely by surprise, but managed to express her pleasure and thanks. The Department President also stated that this is the Mrs. Smith of whom many of you have doubtless heard as the author of "Woman in Sacred Song," and read the following quotation:

"This is a large volume of over 900 pages quarto, containing 3,000 hymns and poems. Many are set to music by fifty different lady composers, and many are also patriotic ones especially adapted for Memorial Day services and entertainments of the W. R. C. and camp fires of the G. A. R."

The following questions were read and answered by the Department President:

First—When a Corps officer or past officer moves from one Department to another, does she have to buy a floor member's badge, or can she retain her past officer's?

Answer—If she become a member in new Department by transfer, she may retain her past officer's badge. If she has received a discharge, she is not entitled to past officer's badge until she has again been elected and served as an officer. In either case her past office will confer no vote in Department Convention.

Second—Are special meetings opened with the ritual?

Answer—No. Can be if practice is wanted in the ritual work; but not necessary. The custom of Conventions should be followed and pass word collected at special meetings; also minutes should be taken. The business for which the meeting is called is the only work before the meeting.

Third—Should a committee reporting unfavorably upon an application be compelled to give their reasons for so doing?

Answer—You cannot compel them to give their reasons.

Fourth—Can money be borrowed from the relief fund for any purpose by the Corps? Shall we let our general fund get very low?

Answer—No. Money in relief fund is sacred to that fund. It should not be.

Fifth—How could national password be sent to member absent from her Corps by her President?

Answer—By sending password in cypher to member; then next mail sending key of cypher, and let her study it out, with instructions to destroy both as soon as mastered.

Sixth—At what age should children be excluded from Corps meetings?

Answer—It is hard to say, as some members cannot attend if children are not taken with them. However, there has been some discussion on this point (and I believe at a National Convention), at which time two years was the oldest to remain during all services of the order. The regular order of business usually is such that a child of three or four could remain, but not during initiation.

Seventh—When the Alternate goes to the Convention in place of the Delegate, and the President of that Corps goes, too, whose expenses shall be paid by the Corps, the Alternate's or the President's?

Answer by Department President—If anyone is paid, I think it should be the Alternate. It is not obligatory on any corps to pay the expenses, but it is an excellent plan to do so, as in numerous cases the one chosen could not otherwise attend.

Adjourned at 7:30 P. M., to reassemble at 8:30 A. M. the next morning.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION, FEBRUARY 22, 1889.

Friday, 8:30 A. M.—Convention opened with Department President in the chair. The members joined with the Chaplain in repeating the Lord's Prayer. Officers all present, except Junior Vice-President.

President was asked to permit the Secretary to read the minutes of Department Council prior to the minutes of preceding session. Hearing no objection, the request was granted.

Department Council of Illinois, W. R. C., met promptly in accordance with general orders No. 9 at 2 P. M. in room No. 19, Hotel Palace, Springfield, February 19, 1889.

Department President in the chair. At roll call there were present Mesdames Harral, Sine, Sanders, Leaverton, Sandes, Ziegler, Bender, Misses Carlton and Cleveland. Mrs. Holtzman came later on the arrival of the train from the north.

Department President in a few words explained that as the Department Executive Board did not meet to organize (nor the Council) after the close of the Fifth Department Convention in accordance with R. & R., she convened the Executive Board May 22 in Aurora, to map out the work for the ensuing year. The minutes of that meeting were read and approved.

Department President asked that National President's Circular Letter No. 1, be read for information, also a letter from the National President explanatory of it, which suggested that Corps be asked to contribute 50 cents each, to effect the cure of a child of an Illinois soldier.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
VIROQUA, WIS., February 8, 1889. }

CIRCULAR LETTER)
No. 1.)

By direction of the National President, I call your attention to a petition for aid, which is peculiar in character, and more than usually touching.

A mother asks for surgical treatment for her boy, six years old, who has, by an accident, been crippled so that he is unable to walk, and unless help can be obtained soon must remain so through life.

We have made diligent inquiry into the matter through disinterested parties, and believe it is a case deserving our sympathy and aid.

Mr. Ackerbauer, the father of the child served in the Third Illinois cavalry for over three years, and receives a pension of \$2.00 per month. Since the war, he removed to Crystal River, Florida, on account of rheumatism, and has been unable either to return, or make a comfortable living, and the family are in quite destitute circumstances.

We are assured by physicians that a cure can be effected if begun soon. Arrangements have been made for treatment at the Atlanta Surgical Institute. The expense attending this case will be considerable. The National President has decided to pay from the national fund the expense of medical treatment, but wishes the Departments to contribute for the necessary additional expense.

By Command of CHARITY RUSK CRAIG,
National President.

HETTIE M. NICHOLS, *National Secretary.*

Moved by Mrs Sanders, seconded by Mrs. Sine, that the matter be referred to the Department Convention for action.

The President stated facts concerning grievances in Relief Corps at Homer and Warren, also that she had carried out the decision of the Fifth Department Convention concerning Arcola.

Moved by Mrs. Sanders, seconded by Mrs. Sine, that hereafter the preparing and printing of the proceedings of the Department Convention be left to the retiring President and Secretary. Motion prevailed.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, seconded by Mrs. Harral:

Resolved, That hereafter the Department of Illinois W. R. C. pay from its treasury the expenses of its officers while in attendance at the Convention.

Resolved, That such officers shall be present at the beginning and remain through the entire sessions of Convention, or forfeit their expenses.

Unanimously passed.

Mrs. Bender explained that the following had been left out of the Fifth Department Convention proceedings, through an oversight, and asked permission to have it inserted in the Sixth.

FRIDAY A. M., FEB. 17, 1888.

Mrs. Mary A. Bradley asked that Mrs. Sallie J. Steele, Senior Vice-President, be allowed to appoint the committee to purchase the badge for the retiring President, provided for in the previous session, (see Page 90, Fifth Department Convention proceedings.) Such committee to consist of Mrs. M. I. Sandes and Mrs. Minnie M. Kyle.

On motion of Mrs. Harral, seconded by Mrs. Leaverton, it was so ordered.

The following report of Department Executive Board was read and approved.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., February 19, 1889.

We, the undersigned members of the Department Executive Board, have examined the books and bills of the Department Secretary and Treasurer, and find them correct and in very nice order, and would respectfully recommend, that in future the itemized bills be sent with the summaries for examination, also, recommend that the supplies of Carterville and Warren Corps be returned, and the money refunded.

CLARA W. HARRAL, Chairman.

JULIA G. SINE.

MARG'T. I. SANDES.

No further business being before the Council it adjourned. On motion, the Convention approved the report as read.

Minutes of preceding day were read, and after corrections and the insertion of Mrs. Bradford's explanation in regard to her letter to C. D. Messenger, approved.

Moved and carried, that the result only of the election appear in the printed minutes.

The report of the Committee on officers' reports was then read by the Chairman, approving in most emphatic terms the work of all the Department officers during the past year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Mrs. President and Members of the Sixth Department Convention Assembled at Springfield at the Y. M. C. A. Hall, February 20 and 21, 1889.

We, the Committee on Officers' Reports of the Sixth Department Convention, have the honor to recommend to your favorable consideration the reports in the following order:

The address of the Department President, Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, is an able and complete report of the working of this Department in all its branches during the past year. It shows a steady growth and increased interest in our loved Order.

We wish to call your special attention to the thoroughness with which she has performed all duties appertaining to her office, and the efficient manner in which she has closed the year's work.

The report of the Senior Vice-President, Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton, shows the work of her office performed in a conscientious manner and reflected much credit.

The report of the Junior Vice-President, Mrs. Ophie Wells, shows her work well and modestly performed.

Your attention is called to the faithful and efficient manner in which the Department Secretary, Miss Josephine P. Cleveland, has done the work of her office.

The concise statement and abstract of the Department Treasurer, Miss Ada Carlton, clearly shows to us that she has ever been faithful to the trust reposed in her.

The report of the Department Instituting and Installing Officer, Mrs. Mary K. Holtzman, is complete in detail, and encouraging as to number of new corps organized.

The suggestion for the general adoption of joint installation of corps with post and camp is deemed worthy of special consideration.

We take pleasure in calling your special attention to the report of the Department Inspector, Mrs. Inez Bender, that it is a responsible position, and the duties of this office have been faithfully performed by one who fully understands its responsibility.

The report of Department Counselor, Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, shows that that officer has sought to discharge the duties of her office in a spirit of faithfulness, and in strict accordance with the Rules and Regulations.

The report of Department Chaplain, Mrs. Ellen Ziegler, is a touching and beautiful tribute rendered by each corps to our fallen and heroic dead.

The report of Delegate-at-Large, Mrs. Mary J. Stadden, is both interesting and instructive, showing efficiency in all work done by her.

In conclusion, we would take this means of expressing our pleasure in being on the committee to report upon such able and instructive reports, one and all, and would respectfully recommend that they be carefully read by every member of the Woman's Relief Corps.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

First. That the *per capita* tax be restored to ten cents per member, beginning with the second quarter.

Second. That the action of last convention requiring the payment of one dollar (\$1.00) for the granting of a dispensation be repealed.

Third. That the department work be not delayed, the retiring Department Secretary be required to convey to her successor a copy of the approved minutes of convention within ten days after its close.

Fourth. That each department officer be furnished with a copy of Beath's Blue Book, Ritual, Rules and Regulations during her term of office, to revert with office the same as badge.

Fifth. That it shall be the duty of retiring department officers to hand over to their successors the unused stationery, for immediate use in carrying on correspondence, and not compel haste in procuring the year's supply.

Sixth. That this convention, when selecting delegates to the National Convention, elect those only who are willing to pledge to this convention they will be present at the sessions, and attend closely to business until the convention closes.

Seventh. That this Department adopt the sucker badge for National Convention, as in this way all remaining can be utilized the next year by simply changing the ribbons, which can be done at a trifling expense.

Eighth. That this convention set apart a sum as a Department Relief Fund in compliance with R. & R., Chap. 2, Art. IX, which reads: "A Relief Fund shall be established by each Department Convention to be disbursed by the Department President through the regular channels."

Ninth. That this Department take some action regarding time and place of a school of instruction for delegates attending Department Convention. All of which is respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

LIZZIE D. GIBSON,	} Committee.
CLARA W. HARRAL,	
CARRIE T. BECKER,	
JENNIE G. HARRISON,	
SALOME F. WILSON.	

The above were read separately and adopted, with the following exceptions:

No. 1. Not approved.

No. 8. Approved, provided the change in size and shape of fish, if any, be left in the hands of the Executive Board.

No. 9. Substitute adopted as follows:

That we adopt the school of instruction, but not during the time of Convention, either before or after, time to be decided by Department President.

During the discussion which followed recommendation No. 1, the Secretary, Miss Cleveland, asked indulgence to speak to a question of privilege. Two or three times it had been stated on the floor there had been enormous Department expenditures, and she desired to make this explanation.

Often the space to write the objects for which the money order was drawn was too limited to contain them, hence, it often read "Postage, etc.," "Department expenses, etc.," per bill numbered so and so, which had all the items, and orders drawn for the various officers, was for money expended in Department work, except the salary of the Secretary, which, for the large amount of work done, averaged \$10.84 per month.

On motion of Mrs. Bender, seconded by Miss Eby, the following resolution was adopted:

That this Convention take some action to correct the ballots, and ballot boxes in use, to make them conform to rules and regulations.

Remarks concerning the reading again of the recommendations contained in report of officers led to the following:

On motion of Mrs. Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Parker, it was ordered that the reports and recommendations of the officers be adopted as a whole, without reading separately.

Pending the report of the Committee on Resolutions, the Department President asked some person to relieve the Guard, Mrs. Mary G. Hes, and desired the Conductor to escort her to the rostrum, not for reprimand, but for commendation for faithful services rendered this convention as Guard, and in the name of several of the members, pinned upon her left breast a beautiful gold Maltese Cross, of the regulation size and style.

Mrs. Hes returned her thanks in a few well chosen words.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

MRS. PRESIDENT:—We, the Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to submit the following resolutions to the Sixth Department Convention for your favorable consideration:

WHEREAS, during the past year it has been found that certain conditions were unfavorable to the advancement and prosperity of the Order in this Department; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the recommendations of Department President and Department Secretary be adopted by this convention.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF DEPARTMENT SECRETARY.

1. That a large receptacle be provided for the records of the Department, and that all obsolete matter, stock, etc., be destroyed to prevent unnecessary accumulation; also, that surrendered charters and other property of the nature of correspondence (unofficial) and reports be destroyed at the expiration of one year from date.

2. That hereafter the Department Secretary spend at least one day with the incoming President and Secretary at the place most convenient for all in turning over the supplies, etc., and explaining the use thereof; also give a list of Corps Presidents, (only) and their addresses, for immediate use, and send the complete roster later.

3. That new organizations be not given the numbers of Corps where charters have been surrendered or revoked, (See R. & R.) as the rank of Corps shall be determined by the date of the charter under which they are acting, and the new Corps Nos. 32, 86, 91 and 96, hereafter bear upon the roster the date of their organization.

4. That Corps Presidents (not their Secretary) acknowledge general orders, and other official communications, etc., within five (5) days after receipt.

5. That Corps Presidents read over both the Secretary's and Treasurer's report *before affirming* that they are "correct in every particular."

6. That Corps shall reimburse the Department Treasury for postage in every report *returned for correction*.

7. That Corps Secretarys and Treasurers, as far as possible meet to make out their reports, as both must be alike in many points, and that R. & R. be strictly obeyed as to the time of their being in the Department Secretary's office, not later than the 5th day of the month succeeding the closing quarter.

8. That Corps have a school of instruction at least once a quarter to study R. & R., and read over carefully the general orders, circulars, etc., for mutual benefit, and that the same be recommended for districts.

9. That Corps do not send for supplies to the Department Secretary, as much time and postage is thus lost in sending the same on to Department Treasurer, and *all* orders be made payable to her. In cases where this is not complied with the price of exchange must be borne by the Corps sending the same.

10. That Aids be appointed with due reference to their *ability to serve with efficiency and promptness*, not as a reward, and these be selected from such geographical positions as shall net-work the whole Department. Hence, I would further recommend that the two (2) be appointed from each Congressional District in the State by the incoming President *soon* after her occupancy, and with the advice of the retiring President, as to fitness and not as an honor—from these to select the assistant I. & I officer.

11. That the I. & I. officer and assistants write *all* the names of charter members in the lines provided for *such*, giving the officers the first place, in order of rank, also giving in full the individual name (not initials) and whether Mrs. or Miss.

EMMA KITZMILLER,
EMILY R. McCULLOUGH,
AGNES MOODY,
ARTEMISIA HALL, Chairman.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., February 22, 1889.

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed by the incoming Department President to visit the Soldiers' Orphans' Home, at Normal, Ill., some time during the coming year, and make a report in full to the next Department Convention, of the noble work and charity extended the orphans of those who served their country. In this way we believe we can bring before our ladies most emphatically the benefaction of our great State in caring for our orphans, and at the same time add a pleasing and beneficial feature to our convention.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,
SUE A. SANDERS.

Remarks made led to the following:

Moved and seconded that the matter of one or two, to visit Orphans' Home, be left to the incoming Department President. Carried.

WHEREAS, One of the principal objects to which the Woman's Relief Corps stands pledged is "To inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country in the communities in which we live," and

WHEREAS, Fully believing that an early love and reverence for our flag will do much to strengthen loyalty and destroy anarchy and communism now gaining a foothold in our country; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Department of Illinois W. R. C., present to the legislature in session at Springfield, a bill providing for the purchase of an American flag, to be hung in every school room in the State of Illinois, and be it further

Resolved, That the teachers be requested to impart lessons of patriotism for the country it represents. Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

E. R. McCULLOUGH,
S. E. HANNON,
E. M. KITZMILLER,
AGNES MOODY,
ARTEMISIA HALL, Chairman.

On motion by Mrs. Sanders, seconded by Mrs. Minnemyer, it was approved.

Mrs. Sallie J. Steele introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the representation of Department Convention hereafter be all Corps Presidents, Past Presidents, and one delegate and alternate for each Corps.

On motion of Mrs. Bender, seconded by Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Gale, it was approved.

Moved and seconded that these resolutions and recommendations be not read singly, but adopted as a whole. Carried.

Moved and seconded that they be printed in full as presented. Carried.

A communication was sent in and read by Mrs. Bender, requesting the return of a package labeled, "To be read at the Sixth Annual Convention of the W. R. C. Department of Illinois," which had been laid upon the Secretary's desk with no further address. The Secretary reminded the Convention that such package had been voted laid upon the table, with seal unbroken, on the first day of Convention, and in the confusion and haste in moving from the Y. M. C. A. hall to Senate Chamber on the second afternoon of Convention, she presumed it had been left behind, or dropped into the waste basket. She said if it could be found it would be handed to the lady reading the request. (Mrs. Bender.)

Mrs. Bradford arose and asked the privilege of reminding the Convention that inasmuch as she had on the previous day been re-elected to the office of Department President, after twice declining the nomination, though highly appreciating the honor, but believing her first duty is to her husband and children, also having given an entire year's time to the work, and furthermore having duties and obligations as a pastor's wife, not necessary to mention before the Convention, she must most respectfully decline being installed. She explained that she had not even

thanked the Convention after her election on the previous day, so stunned was she at the election, under her protest, but begged them to believe her not ungrateful for the compliment bestowed. Accepted with evident regret by the Convention, and the expressed regret of several, assuring Mrs. Bradford of their appreciation of her faithful services during the past year.

Convention then proceeded to nominate another Department President.

The name of Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton, of Palestine, was proposed by Mrs. Bender, and seconded by Mrs. Stadden. No other nominations being made, a rising vote was called for, and it was unanimous. It was then voted that the Secretary cast the ballot of the Convention for the sixty-three members present.

The newly-elected President expressed regret at the declination of Mrs. Bradford, and also that she had been chosen to fill the place, yet thanking the Convention for the honor and trust conferred.

She then declined to be Alternate-at-large, accepted, and Mrs. Martha A. Lippincott, of Rockford, was nominated by Mrs. Ellison, seconded by Mrs. Harrah, and elected to fill the vacancy. By a rising vote it was made unanimous, and by vote the Secretary cast the ballot of the Convention.

The question was asked if the Secretary's desk was cleared. She replied it was. Inasmuch as several persons expressed a desire to witness the installation of the officers-elect and must leave on early trains, it was moved and carried that the Convention take a recess and proceed at once to the installation of the officers-elect.

Mrs. Mary K. Holtzman, of Pontiac, the Department Installing Officer, then proceeded to install the officers-elect as follows:

Department President—Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton.....	Palestine
Department Senior Vice-President—Mrs. Mary J. Stadden.....	Springfield
Department Junior Vice-President—Mrs. Laura E. Distin.....	Quincy
Department Treasurer—Miss Ada Carlton.....	Bloomington
Department Chaplain—Mrs. Mary R. Fletcher.....	Morris

DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE BOARDS.

Mrs. Sue A. Sanders.....	Delavan
Mrs. Sarah Freeman.....	Palestine

*Mrs. Marilla Ward.....	Gibson City
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin.....	Chicago
Mrs. Julia G. Sine.....	Rockford

Mrs. Leaverton named the following staff officers:

Secretary—*Miss Martha Lindsay.....	Palestine
Inspector—Miss J. P. Cleveland.....	Springfield
Counselor—Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford.....	Augusta
I. and L. Officer—*Mrs. S. E. Hannon.....	Cairo

Business being resumed, moved by Mrs. Sine, seconded by Mrs. Bender, that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolved, That our Delegate-at-Large to the Seventh National Convention present resolution asking National Convention to again authorize the use of credential cards, as vouchers for seats in Department Convention.

Carried. Mrs. Esther Woods offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to purchase a badge for the retiring President, and to have one ready to present to the next out-going President at the close of her term.

Adopted unanimously.

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention are due to Governor and Mrs. Fifer, also the Senate of Illinois for use of the Senate Chamber, the Judges of the Supreme Court for the permission to use the Court room. The Committee of Arrangements, through its Chairman, Gen. Reece, provided a place of meeting for this Convention. The Committee of Entertainment, through its Chairman, Maj. Hoover, for invitation and tickets to the Camp Fire. The local Committee, W. R. C., who so tastefully decorated the Y. M. C. A., Hall, and also to the citizens generally for our pleasant entertainment while in the city.

Adopted.

The incoming Department President made some timely remarks concerning the duty of each member to feel it her pleasure as well as her duty to do all she can for the continued growth of the Order.

A communication was read from Mrs. Sue A. Sanders:

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., February 22, 1889.

WHEREAS, Sarah M. Bradford, Department President of Illinois, did, on December 28, 1888, reinstate Warran Relief Corps No. 29, auxiliary to Warran Post No. 315, which had been legally and officially disbanded by Sue A. Sanders, Past Department President of Illinois, during her administration, and

WHEREAS, said dissolution of Warren Corps No. 29, was in compliance with a demand made by Warren Post No. 315, to which Warren W. R. C. was auxiliary, such demand of Warren Post being legally and officially taken, according to the Rules and Regulations of 1887, under which we as an organization were at that time ruled, and in consideration of the detriment such action has been to

*All of whom were installed except Miss Lindsay, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Hannon, who were absent.

Warren Post and to the discipline of our order in general, I herein appeal to the members of the Sixth Department Convention of Illinois, W. R. C., for a decision as to the legality of such action; and

WHEREAS, Such action was taken without consulting Warren Post 315 officially, which action as a whole they ignored,

Resolved, That the Sixth Department Convention of Illinois during its present session take the whole matter into consideration and render decision as to the legality of both actions in revoking and reinstating charter of Warren Corps No. 29.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

SUE A. SANDERS.

On motion of Mrs. Ballinger, seconded by Mrs. Sine, the Convention voted to lay the appeal on the table.

Mrs. Sanders then added this was just what she expected; indeed, just what she wished, as now she could appeal to the National Convention and this matter be settled there.

Mrs. Sine presented the following:

Resolved, That this Department Convention approve the action of Department President, Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, in restoring the charter to Warren Corps No. 29, and also express its approval of the action of the ladies of that Corps in voluntarily surrendering their charter, rather than remain auxiliary to a Post, a few of whose members seem unable to appreciate their worth.

Moved by Mrs. Ballinger, seconded by Mrs. Lippincott, that it be adopted. Motion put by S. V. P., Mrs. Leaverton. Carried by a rising vote.

On motion of Mrs. Kyle, seconded by Mrs. Sine, a committee of three (3) was ordered by Convention, of which Mrs. Bradford is to be chairman, and the other two appointed by the incoming President, to answer the proposed appeal of Mrs. Sanders to the National Convention.

Mrs. Bender moved, seconded by Mrs. Sine, that the Department President, Mrs. Leaverton, have all the time she desires to appoint the committee. Carried.

After reading and correcting the minutes of this session they were approved.

No further business, at 1:25 P. M. the President declared the Sixth Department Convention closed.

Approved.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Josephine P. Cleveland". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Department Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
AUGUSTA, ILL., March 12, 1888.

GENERAL ORDERS,)
No. 1.)

The Fifth Annual Convention of the Department of Illinois, Woman's Relief Corps, held in Springfield, Feb. 15-17, 1888, elected for the coming year the following officers:

President	Sarah M. Bradford.	Augusta, Ill.
Senior Vice-President	Delilah A. Leaverton.	Palestine.
Junior Vice-President.	Ophie Wells.	Chicago.
Treasurer.	Ada Carlton.	Bloomington.
Chaplain.	Ellen Ziegler.	Peoria.

Staff Officers appointed are:

Secretary	Josephine P. Cleveland	Springfield.
Counselor.	Sue A. Sanders.	Delavan.
Inspector.	Inez J. Bender.	Galesville.
Inst'g and Installing Officer.	Mary K. Holtzman	Pontiac.

The following constitute the Executive Board:

Clara W. Harral, Aurora.
Julia G. Sine, Rockford.
Lizzie Hubbard, Aurora.
Margaret I. Sandes, Chicago.
Martha Lindsey, Palestine.

Delegates to National Convention were elected as follows:

Delegate-at-Large	Mary J. Stadden.	Springfield.
Alternate.	Ella Cobean.	Delavan.

Delegates.

Mary P. Gale, Lacon.
Minnie M. Kyle, Chicago.
Sade Rowley, Bloomington.
Laura E. Distin, Quincy.
Josephine H. Minnemyer, Peoria.
Agnes Moody, Chicago.

Alternates.

Mary E. Hughes, Springfield.
Sue M. Simpson, Peoria.
Anna Morgan, Monmouth.
Jennie Bross, Morris.
Sophie R. Spaulding, Rockford.
Laura Clendennin, Moline.

I. These officers will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

II. During the Convention the members showed that they had come for the transaction of business. Though much time was consumed on the several reports, it was emphatically a business Convention, and I trust will result in

general good to our order. The reports prove the past administration to have been a prosperous one, and by the united efforts of every member of the Woman's Relief Corps, we hope for equally gratifying results the present year.

III. Corps Presidents will note the changes in Rituals and see that they are exemplified in their respective Corps. Understanding irregularities exist in some Corps, I would say in this connection that the password *must* be taken up at the proper time.

IV. All orders for Corps supplies must be addressed to Miss Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, Bloomington, Ill. Make out your order for supplies on separate paper from your letter, and Corps Presidents will see that abundant postage is enclosed for return charges, and surplus postage will be returned. In this way Corps will greatly aid Department Treasurer in her work.

V. Corps Treasurers are required to give bonds in a sum to be named by the Corps, with sufficient sureties, for the faithful discharge of their duties. The bond to be given and accepted by the Corps before installation. (See Rules and Regulations, Chap. 5th, Article 8th, Sec. 1.)

VI. Letters pertaining to Records, Returns, Taxes, Reports, etc., should be sent to Miss Josephine P. Cleveland, Department Secretary, Springfield, Ill. Letters regarding Decisions, Discipline, Law, Dispensations, etc., should be sent to me at Augusta, Ill. The receipt of official letters and orders should be acknowledged by Corps receiving them.

VII. I would urge upon Corps Presidents the necessity of promptness in forwarding quarterly reports to headquarters the first of April, July, October and January, as required by Rules and Regulations, Chap. 5, Art. 1, Sec. 1, always accompanying the same with the per capita tax. By so doing you will greatly assist Department Officers in their work and prevent delays, which oft times proves disastrous.

VIII. By decision of the Fifth Department Convention, every Corps asking for special dispensation is required to pay the sum of one dollar (\$1) for the granting of the same.

IX. The *National Vidette* was, by the action of Department Council, made the official organ of the W. R. C. of Illinois, and I would remind every member of the importance of subscribing for the same. I would hereby urge each Corps to subscribe for one copy, as an educator, in answer to queries, etc., to be read at the first regular meeting of the Corps after it has been received, the same to be entered as Corps property.

X. On business principles, orders drawn on the Treasurer for payment of money will be presented or sent to the parties in whose favor they are drawn, who shall endorse, send or present the same to Treasurer and receive payment.

XI. To correct a prevalent misapprehension and to prevent the misplacing of burdens, the Corps are reminded that the Department Counselor is Counselor for Department President and Council, and not for the several Corps. (See Rules and Regulations, Chap. 3, Art. 6, Sec. 7.)

XII. It is with pleasure we refer to the continued endorsement given the Woman's Relief Corps by the Grand Army. The 21st National Encampment adopted resolutions heartily endorsing the W. R. C. as their *auxiliary organization*; and the 22d Annual Encampment of the Department of Illinois, held in Springfield, Feb. 15-17, honored the W. R. C. by sending to Fifth Department Convention a special committee to assure us that the W. R. C. of Illinois is their only recognized auxiliary, the earnest of which was shown by a resolution presented by it, which the Encampment had just passed.

We were particularly honored during the convention by a visit from our National Secretary, Mrs. Armilla A. Cheney, Detroit, Mich., whose pleasant smiles, cheering words and wise counsels aided us much in our deliberations, and left an influence for good upon our future work.

And now, as seemingly *apropos* to the occasion, may I be permitted to say: Being aware that the office of Department President is one of great responsibility and continuous toil, I sought it not. But having come to me unsolicited and undesired, the honor seems all the greater, and my gratitude for the confidence reposed in me the deeper. I shall aim faithfully to discharge the duties of the office, in the full assurance that those who called me to it will gladly co-operate with me for the achievement of grand results.

By Command of SARAH M. BRADFORD,
Department President.

JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND, *Department Secretary.*

[CIRCULAR SENT TO DELINQUENTS.*]

Department President, MRS. SARAH M. BRADFORD, Augusta Ill.
Department Secretary, MISS JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND, Springfield, Ill.
Department Treasurer, MISS ADA CARLTON, Bloomington, Ill.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
AUGUSTA, ILL., March 26, 1888.

Instructions from National Headquarters are, viz:

"Corps reports are due at Department Headquarters not later than the *5th day of the first month of the succeeding quarter, and at National Headquarters not later than the 20th."

"Corps not reporting at this date should be notified, by such means as may be considered best, and if not received by the 10th, an aide or other department officer should be sent to investigate or instruct, as is found necessary, and report."

"If, when the limit of time arrives to make your report, there are any Corps in the department still delinquent, they are practically suspended, (Chapter V, Art. III, Sec. 3, Revised R. and R.), and you will account for their membership as *lost*, by delinquent for reports."

"Corps must pay *per capita* tax on members initiated at any time during the quarter."

"New Corps must pay *per capita* tax for the quarter in which they are organized."

Corps Presidents will please note the above and forward both the Secretary's and the Treasurer's report, accompanied by the *per capita* tax, (made payable to Department Secretary, Josephine P. Cleveland, Springfield, Ill., for record.

Springfield, Ill.,.....18....

DEAR MADAM:

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
AUGUSTA, ILL., April 20, 1888.

CIRCULAR)
No. 1. }

The Department President deems it wise to have a school of instruction, to more thoroughly, perfectly and *uniformly* prepare for inspection. With this end in view for the advancement of our order, there being several Corps in and near Springfield, Ill., for a nucleus, and understanding that the railroad fares

will be reduced at the time of the Republican State Convention, to be held at Springfield May 2d and good to the 4th, she cordially invites all members who are willing to attend (*and do so at their own expense*) to be present at the Supreme Court room in the State House, Thursday, at 9 o'clock A. M., May 3, 1888.

It will be well for Corps Presidents to bring this subject to the attention of their respective Corps by a called meeting, as the time is so limited, and there may be some members who may wish to avail themselves of this instruction.

Corps which have not the Revised Rituals (1888) can make the exchange at this time if they choose, and thus save the expense of expressage to and from, as the Department Treasurer will be present and prepared to do so.

By Command of SARAH M. BRADFORD,
Department President.

JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND, *Department Secretary.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
AUGUSTA, ILL., April 16, 1888.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 2. }

I. All Corps not yet having the Revised Rituals and Officers' Cards are instructed to send the old ones at once to Department Treasurer, Miss Ada Carlton, Bloomington, Ill., who will forward the new ones, Corps paying express charges thereon.

II. Corps should order Revised Rules and Regulations. Each member should *study* and *observe* them carefully. *Familiarity with R. & R.'s would render unnecessary the writing of many letters sent to these Headquarters.*

III. Corps Secretaries are cautioned not to change the number in *red ink* on their blanks for quarterly reports; if found incorrect, return them without filling out to Department Secretary, and write her concerning the mistake.

IV. *Per capita* tax has been reduced to 8 cents, beginning with the second quarter (April 1). Corps Presidents are requested to see that P. O. order, draft or express money order, for payment of the same, is drawn payable to Department Treasurer, Miss Ada Carlton, Bloomington, Ill., and sent with quarterly reports to Miss Josephine P. Cleveland, Springfield, Ill., thereby saving Department President and Secretary much annoyance.

V. The delay in filling orders for Corps supplies at the beginning of the current year was owing to the lack of supplies; they had to be ordered from National Treasurer before they could be sent out. No Revised Installation service will be issued with Corps supplies until after the Sixth National Convention.

VI. Corps Presidents are instructed to collect and burn the Good and Welfare cards.

VII. Bonds given by Corps Treasurers will be returned to them at the expiration of their official term, properly canceled.

VIII. The Department President would impress upon all persons appointed Assistant I. and I. Officer the necessity of seeing that the personal names of the members present at the institution of a Corps are given in full in her report, and all correctly spelled.

IX. The following are appointed Aides upon the staff of Department President.

Mrs. Ellen Cobean, Delevan	Corps No.	35
Mrs. Mary S. Ballinger, Chicago	" "	108
Mrs. Sarah A. Browning, Robinson	" "	63
Mrs. Sophia A. Linseott, Chicago	" "	92
Mrs. Louisa Green, Marengo	" "	52
Mrs. E. B. Conant, DeKalb	" "	80
Mrs. Eliza Torrance, Pontiac	" "	15
Mrs. Amanda Olmstead, Henry	" "	2
Mrs. Alice Taylor, Cairo	" "	95
Mrs. Margaret K. Ford, Cairo	" "	88
Mrs. Mary McBride, Coultersville	" "	77
Mrs. Emma J. Rowell, Chebanse	" "	71
Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell, Bethany	" "	75
Mrs. Anna Taylor, Carthage	" "	70
Mrs. Florence Allen, Keithsburg	" "	27
Mrs. Kate Hyatt, Elmwood	" "	40
Mrs. Mary Frazier, Sparta	" "	55
Mrs. Kate Troxell, Canton	" "	9
Mrs. Malinda Hemstreet, Pontiac	" "	15
Mrs. Laura McKeever, Moline	" "	28
Mrs. E. W. King, LeRoy	" "	42
Miss Maggie Campbell, LaHarpe	" "	60
Mrs. Sarah E. Wilkin, Danville	" "	76
Mrs. Esther M. Kelly, Casey	" "	48
Mrs. Kate N. Pickett, Harrisburg	" "	42

Department Aides will acquaint themselves thoroughly with the Rules and Regulations, and render assistance where it may be needed to advance the interests of our order, and secure organization of the W. R. C. wherever practicable, and hold themselves ready to respond to any calls from Department President.

Additional announcement will be made in future orders.

X. Should any lady feel her inability to perform the duties herein set forth she will early communicate the same to the Department President.

XI. On March 24 Bryner Corps No. 12, of Peoria, lost everything by fire, the collections of years have been thus swept away.

The mere mention of this calamity it is believed will awaken sympathy throughout our Department, and every Corps will doubtless hasten to lend a helping hand. Substantial expressions of sympathy may be addressed to Mrs. K. M. Flint, President, Peoria.

XII. Attention is called to the following statement of the General Encampment Committee for Sixth National Encampment, to be held at Columbus, Ohio, the second week in September, 1888.

The Ohio Centennial Exposition will be in full progress during the Encampment week, and special arrangements will be made for the convenience of all comrades and their families desiring to attend it.

The complete programme for the encampment week will be arranged as soon as practicable, and will be announced to the Grand Army in a subsequent circular.

The committee on the Woman's Relief Corps will make arrangements for the National Convention of the Corps, and for the entertainment of its delegates and visiting members. Correspondence as to any special arrangements that may be desired by particular organizations of the Corps is respectfully invited.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary of the General Council, Ambos Building, Columbus, Ohio.

By order of the General Council.

ALFRED E. LEE,

Secretary.

A. G. PATTON,

Chairman.

XIII. It gives me pleasure to report the reinstatement of one Corps, No. 8, of Quincy; and the organization of

Corps No. 102, Hutsonville.

" " 104, Polo.

" " 106, Milledgeville.

" " 109, Jacksonsville.

Corps No. 103, Hillsboro.

" " 105, Marshall.

" " 107, Onarga.

" " 110, Taylorville.

since Department Convention.

By Command of SARAH M. BRADFORD,
Department President.

JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND, *Department Secretary.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
AUGUSTA, May 1, 1888.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 3. }

Memorial Day is fast approaching, reminding us impressively of the debt of gratitude we owe our departed heroes, who surrendered all to save the unity of the Nation.

In accordance with the courteous recognition of Department Commander Col. James A. Sexton, who, in "General Orders No. 3, urges that Posts of this Department invite the Woman's Relief Corps to join with the Grand Army of the Republic in paying this tribute of respect to the memory of those to whom the living are indebted for the preservation of the American Union and its government."

Cheerfully will the Corps in this Department accept this invitation; while in memory we live over again those days of our Nation's anguish, and with our hearts full of love for her defenders, our willing hands will gladly garland their graves with the brightest and loveliest flowers.

"In the ranks of war we find them,
Marching to the southern shore;
Well they loved their homes behind them—
But they loved their country more.

Scream of shell and cannon's rattle
Met them on the field of blood;
All the rush and roar of battle
Poured about them like a flood.
Onward went the brave true-hearted,
Driving foes from fort and field;
Many souls from bodies parted—
They could die, but would not yield.

On they went, till peace descended
Like a benediction sweet;
Then, when all their work was ended,
Laid their swords at Freedom's feet.
Who such noble work can measure?
Who its value will make known?
They preserved the richest treasure
Which the sons of men might own.

Some are sleeping where death found them,
 Facing foemen far away ;
 Some have neighbors' graves around them—
 Some are with us yet to-day.
 Whether waking, whether sleeping
 Here, or where they fighting fell,
 Freedom's eyes are ever keeping
 Watch o'er sons who loved her well."

In memory, then, of their noble deeds let us cover their graves with sweetest flowers, whose fragrance shall be as sweet incense to our Nation, whose life was preserved by their offering themselves a sacrifice for her. And may we so educate our children that Memorial Day will be to them the dearest and most loved of all our National holidays, the one that shall longest occupy their thoughts, because the little they can do is so little, compared with what the "Boys in Blue" did for them, ere their eyes had opened to the sunlight in this land redeemed and hallowed by their blood.

While opportunity is given us to strew their graves with flowers let us not forget those

"Who were killed and lay unburied in a thicket dark and far.
 They may rest beside a comrade in a little nook of green—
 On a hill their skulls may whiten, and their bones in a ravine."

These, too, died for their Country, and in every cemetery let us rear a monument of flowers to the unknown, or prepare some floral tribute that will show they are not forgotten, tho' their burial place be unknown.

A new cemetery now claims our attention. On the eastern bank of the Mississippi, between thirty and fifty grassy mounds cover all that is mortal of comrades who out-lived the storm of battle, and now rest peacefully in the shadow of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy, where they were so tenderly cared for, and where their eyes gently closed in death, the waters of that noble river ever chanting their sad requiem.

May these graves not be forgotten or neglected. Contributions of flowers for this purpose may be sent to the care of Maj. J. G. Rowland, Superintendent.

Attention is called to the following resolution passed by the Fifth National Convention:

"That the National President in her Memorial Day Order shall remind the Relief Corps of the several Departments of the pledge of the National Convention to contribute to the decoration of the Union graves of the battle-fields and cemeteries of Richmond, Va., and give them an opportunity of joining in the same, and that the National Treasurer be instructed to forward \$100 from the National Treasury to Comrade Allen, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; and flowers to be used in the Memorial ceremonies of Phil. Kearney Post, G. A. R., Richmond, Va."

Corps wishing to avail themselves of the privileges granted will send their contributions direct to Comrade Allen; and Corps Chaplains will please make mention of the same in their report to Department Chaplain, Mrs. Ellen Ziegler, Peoria.

By Command of SARAH M. BRADFORD,
Department President.

JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND, *Department Secretary.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
AUGUSTA, June 6, 1888.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 4. }

I. With thanks for the cordial co-operation of the officials and others identified with our order during the past quarter, and with congratulations to all upon the continued prosperity of our department, I send out my fourth General Order.

II. Corps Presidents are hereby instructed to see that all General Orders and Official Communications from National or Department Headquarters are read to the Corps at two consecutive meetings, and a member may request the reading of any one at any time, when information is desired.

III. Proceedings of the Fifth Department Convention are now ready for distribution. One copy will be sent each Corps. A member desiring a copy can procure it from Miss Josephine P. Cleveland, Department Secretary, Springfield, upon application, accompanied by 15 cents.

IV. Dispensations will be granted only in extreme cases.

V. The Department Roster is now ready, it is quite complete in its details, which are based upon data gathered from the first quarter's report of 1888. Corps and persons desiring them can receive a copy by mail by sending 10 cents to the Department Secretary.

VI. Corps reports are due at Department Headquarters not later than the 5th day of the first month of the succeeding quarter, and at National Headquarters not later than the 20th. If, when the limit of time arrives, there are any Corps in the Department still delinquent, they are practically suspended, (Chap. V, Art. III, Sec. 3, Revised rules and Regulations) and Department Secretary will account for their membership as *lost* by delinquent reports.

VII. Corps must pay *per capita* tax on members initiated any time during the quarter; and new Corps must pay *per capita* tax for the quarter in which they are organized. Attention is called to General Orders No. 2, paragraph IV, and all Corps having paid only 8 cents *per capita* tax for the first quarter, will send the remaining 2 cents per member still due the Department, to Department Secretary, Miss Josephine P. Cleveland, Springfield, made payable to Miss Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, Bloomington.

VIII. Corps Chaplains are again requested to make prompt returns on Memorial Day blanks, (not later than June 20) to Department Chaplain, Mrs. Ellen Ziegler, Peoria, who will consolidate the same and forward through Department President to the National Chaplain.

IX. The School of Instruction to "more thoroughly, perfectly and uniformly prepare for inspection" which was called for May 3, by Circular No. 1, to be read to Corps at a special meeting, was well attended by members from different parts of the Department, and, that it was appreciated by those present will be seen by the following, unanimously passed:

Knowing the lack of uniformity of work in Corps throughout the Department, and feeling the need of more thorough instruction in the work of our order, therefore

Resolved, That the thanks of this Department be returned to Department President and Staff for calling this School of Instruction, and we would recommend that it be repeated annually or semi-annually, as Department Officers may decide.

MARY A. BRADLEY, Corps No. 4, Decatur.

MARY S. BALLINGER, Corps No. 108, Chicago.

SUSIE C. DAVIS, Corps No. 58, Springfield.

It is also gratifying to know that National Officers approved our action, and recommend schools of the same character to be held in convenient districts. Due notice of which will appear in future orders.

X. Voicing the wish of every member of the Department that the year may be one of success, I would impress upon every member the need of activity, using your best efforts to bring into our ranks all good, loyal, earnest women, whose hearts are full of love for it, and whose hands are ever ready to help us in this good work. To this end let me urge upon Department Aides the necessity of preparing themselves to answer all questions in regard to the objects, and furtherance of our order. I would also advise Department Aides to open correspondence with Post Commanders in their vicinity, looking toward the organization of a Relief Corps wherever there exists a Post of the G. A. R.

XI. A cordial invitation is extended to every Aid Society in this Department connected with any Post, to join with us and become a part of the *only* recognized Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic.

By Command of SARAH M. BRADFORD,
Department President.

JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND, *Department Secretary.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
AUGUSTA, July 10, 1888.

CIRCULAR }

No. 2. }

The following information is given for the benefit of Posts desiring the formation of Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Special attention is called to our "Objects," Chap. 1, Art. 2, Rules and Regulations.

"Sec. 1. To specially aid and assist the Grand Army of the Republic, and to perpetuate the memory of their heroic dead.

"Sec. 2. To assist such Union veterans as need our help and protection, and to extend needful aid to their widows and orphans.

To find them homes and employment, and assure them of sympathy and friends. To cherish and emulate the deeds of our army nurses, and of all loyal women who rendered loving service to their country in her hour of peril.

"Sec. 3. To inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country among our children and in the communities in which we live; to discountenance whatever tends to weaken loyalty and to encourage the spread of universal liberty and equal rights to all men."

Also, Chap. 1, Art. 4, "Eligibility." All loyal women of good moral character, who have attained the age of sixteen, are eligible to membership *without reference to relationship to the soldier.*

Application for Charter must be made upon regular blanks furnished by Department Headquarters. This application must have at least ten (10) signatures of women eligible to membership, and be endorsed by the Commander of the Post applying for Charter.

The names of those present at Institution of Corps and Installation are the only names to appear upon the Charter; for this reason Charters cannot be sent to the Corps till after the report of Institution is received at Headquarters. A dispensation cannot be granted by which other names may be added.

Upon receipt of application duly signed and endorsed, together with the sum of eighteen (\$18) dollars for set of Supplies, a Charter will be issued and the Department President will designate some suitable person to institute the Corps, install the officers and give the necessary instruction.

Corps must bear the name of Posts to which they are auxiliary.

The membership fee is established at not less than one dollar, price of badge to be added thereto. (See page 5, R. and R.) The fee for Charter Members has also been established at one dollar and price of badge added, to avoid hard feelings by those who enter the Corps soon after its organization.

Care should be taken that no mistake is made in the selection of charter members. The future of a Corps largely depends upon the choice thus made. The order needs intelligent, zealous, unselfish workers, who will join our ranks out of love for and to assist us in carrying out the principles of our Order.

Should the community be small in which the Corps is organized, and many reside at a distance, there should be a sufficient number who reside *in the city* to form a good working quorum—eight at least.

Officers for a Corps *must not* be elected until *after* the Corps is organized, and then under the direction of the Instituting officer. To save time they may be selected at a preliminary meeting, but with due reference to their ability.

Treasurer of new Corps *must* give bond *at* installation, or *before* the next regular meeting. She must give to the President all money received for the Corps and take a receipt therefor prior to giving her bond.

All letters pertaining to Decisions, Discipline, Law and Dispensations, should be addressed to Department President, Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, Augusta.

All correspondence pertaining to Corps affairs, reports and returns, dues, etc., should be addressed to Department Secretary, Miss Josephine P. Cleveland, Springfield.

All orders for Corps supplies must be forwarded to Department Treasurer, Miss Ada Carlton, Bloomington.

When ordering supplies from Department Treasurer, send payment for same with the order.

Corps must pay express charges or postage on all supplies ordered from these Headquarters.

The following is a Revised List of Supplies and Cost of Each:

Charter (engrossed) with 4 Rituals and 6 Officers' Cards.....	\$5 00
Badges (all grades).....	40 cts each
Badge Ribbon (for membership badges)	30 per yard
Badge Ribbon (for officers)	25 " "
Emblems for Past Officers' Badges.....	4 cts each
Installation Services.....	25 " "
Rules and Regulations.....	7 " "
Application (membership)	1 " "
Ode Cards.....	1½ " "
Officer's Duties (cards).....	2 " "
Requisitions for Supplies to Corps.....	1 " "
Memorial Day Blanks.....	2 " "
Corps Relief Report.....	2 " "
Treasurer's Bond.....	5 " "
Ciphers for Pass-word.....	1 " "
Discharge Cards.....	4 " "
Transfer Cards.....	2 " "
Membership Cards.....	2 " "
*Journals.....	80 " "
*Ledgers.....	1 00 " "
*Cash Books.....	1 00 " "
*Roll of Members.....	1 00 " "
*Order Books (with stubs).....	50 " "
*Receipt Books (with stubs).....	50 " "
*Black Books.....	20 " "
*General Order File (for filing General Orders)	60 " "
*Letter File (for filing letters).....	70 " "
Beath's Blue Book.....	1 00 " "
Large Electrotypes (for stationery).....	40 " "
Small Electrotypes (for cards).....	20 " "

Total

*Prepared expressly for Corps use, and will greatly simplify Secretary's work.

Following is list of supplies furnished for \$18: Charter, with 4 Rituals and 6 Officer's Duty Cards; set (10) Officers' Badges; 1 Membership Badge; 2 Installation Service; 20 Rules and Regulations; 20 Ode Cards; 20 Applications for Membership; 10 Requisition for Supplies; 10 Relief Reports; 1 Treasurer's Bond; 2 Discharge Cards; 2 Transfer Cards; 1 Journal; 1 Ledger; 1 Cash Book; 1 Membership Book; 1 Order Book; 1 Receipt Book; 1 Black Book; 1 General Order File; 1 Electrotpe.

Correspondence solicited. Full information, together with an Application for Charter, mailed upon application.

By Command of SARAH M. BRADFORD,
Department President.

JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND, *Department Secretary.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
AUGUSTA, JULY 26, 1888.

GENERAL ORDERS,)
No. 5.)

I. The Sixth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps will convene in Columbus, Ohio, at 10 A. M. on September 12, 1888.

2. The committee of arrangements have located Headquarters of Department of Illinois in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church, South Third street, where Department Officers and Delegates will be happy to welcome all G. A. R. and W. R. C. friends, and all others who may honor us with a call.

3. The same committee have secured sleeping and boarding quarters for Illinois Officers and Delegates at the Irving House, No. 120 East Broad street, where ample accommodations are guaranteed for \$2.00 per day.

4. The following is from circular issued by Carl N. Bancroft, Chairman of W. R. C. Committee: "Delegations, on their arrival in the city, may repair directly to their lodgings—without waiting for escort—and will please report at Committee Headquarters, Masonic Cathedral, No. 186 South Third street, as soon as practicable thereafter."

II. After careful consideration of the different lines of railroad leading to Columbus, and looking to the "greatest good to the greatest number," it has been decided to take the *shortest, most direct route*, via Wabash Railway from Springfield to Decatur, Indianapolis, Decatur and Western to Indianapolis, thence the Chicago, St. Louis and Pittsburg (Pan Handle Route) to Columbus.

Department Headquarters train will leave Springfield at 5 A. M. Monday, September 10, and arrive in Columbus the same evening at 7:55 without change of cars.

We extend an invitation to all Officers, Delegates and their friends to accompany us, having been assured everything possible will be done that can in any way add to the pleasure and comfort of the W. R. C. or their friends. As the arrangements for this journey will be under the personal supervision of Mr. J. G. Manlove, Jr., the gentlemanly representative of the Pennsylvania lines of Railroad, who is also a Comrade of the Grand Army, it gives us pleasure to extend to you this invitation.

III. Special attention is called to the following extract from National President's Circular to National Representatives: "Departments elect representatives expecting them to make all reasonable effort to be at Convention. Should there be any doubt concerning this, the delegate should promptly resign (see Revised R. & R., page 14,) and ample time be given to fill the vacancy, that every State may have a full delegation."

Resignations should be made in writing, and addressed to Department Secretary. Upon receipt, Department President notifies the alternates of such vacancy, and that some one of them are expected to take the place.

Each delegate who accepts the high compliment of election, should return value received; first in fitting herself as a proper State representative, and next, in answering roll call at *every* session. Department Presidents will be expected to know the whereabouts of each member of their delegation, and account for the absence of any, and the Delegate-at-Large, in her report to Department Convention, will state who were, and who were not, in their seats.

IV. Additional Aides upon the staff of Department President are announced:

Mrs. Addie Ide, Springfield, (vice Mrs. Ella Cobean, declined)...	Corps No.	89
Miss Annette C. Smith, Hamilton.....	" "	49
Mrs. Sussie C. Davis, Springfield.....	" "	58
Mrs. Emma Kitzmiller, Taylorville.....	" "	110
Mrs. Mary A. Woodsey, Polo.....	" "	104
Mrs. Elizabeth J. Burton, Flora.....	" "	114
Mrs. Sarah B. Martin, Shawneetown.....	" "	39
Mrs. Helen Paddock, Kankakee.....	" "	119
Mrs. C. Mell Hurt, Barry.....	" "	91
Mrs. Jennie G. Harrison, Sterling.....	" "	45
Mrs. Sophronia Warren, Onarga.....	" "	107

V. Attention of officers and members, throughout this Department, is called to National General Order No. 3, Paragraph V.: "The National President is daily in receipt of unofficial communications from officers and members, asking decisions on various subjects. It is a law of our Order that only those can be recognized which are forwarded through Department Headquarters." Compliance with this would save National Officers much annoyance and extra postage, and decisions would be obtained much quicker.

VI. Rules and Regulations, Chapter V, Article IX, make it obligatory for every Corps to establish a Relief Fund. Corps not having complied with this requirement will please do so at once.

VII. The five committees referred to in Rules and Regulations, Chapter II, Article VIII, Sections 9-13, are standing committees, and must be appointed at the first regular meeting after installation, and chairman *must* perform the duties therein described, or must resign and let some one be appointed who will.

VIII. Every Corps *must* charge an initiation fee of not less than one dollar (\$1 00) and price of badge added thereto. This is *obligatory*.

IX. Written notifications *must* be sent by Corps' Treasurer to all members in arrears, at least four weeks before close of quarter, as they *are* in arrears after the *first day* of each quarter.

X. Again would we impress upon Corps' Presidents the fact that upon them rests the responsibility of sending quarterly reports and *per capita* tax *not later* than the 5th of January, April, July and October. If not received by that date your Corps is reported to National Headquarters as *suspended*. To avoid delay, make arrangements for payment of *per capita* tax at the last regular meeting in each quarter.

XI. The appointment of Assistant Inspectors, and the number of Corps assigned each, will appear in next General Orders.

Encouraged by the continuous growth of our Order, let every member work for the success of her own Corps, and all for the formation of new ones. Let our watchword be, a good auxiliary for every G. A. R. Post in Illinois.

By Command of SARAH M. BRADFORD,
Department President.

JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND, Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
AUGUSTA, August 23, 1888.

GENERAL ORDERS,)
No. 6.)

I. The committee of arrangements at Columbus have found it expedient to *transfer* the Illinois delegation from the Irving House to No. 340 East Town Street, the residence of Mrs. S. A. Glenn, a cultured lady, who writes me she will do all in her power to make our sojourn at her home one of pleasure.

The Department Headquarters having accepted the courteous offer of Stephenson Post No. 30, G. A. R., of Springfield, as their escort, it has been decided to *change* the hour and date of leaving Springfield from 5 A. M. Sept. 10th to 9 P. M. Sept. 9th, arriving in Columbus at 11 A. M. Sept. 10th, thus giving all the advantage of daylight in which to find their quarters and obtain a good rest preparatory to the labors and pleasures of the week to follow; all representatives to Convention are requested to join Headquarters train if practicable—via Wabash Railway to Decatur, I., D. & W. to Indianapolis, and C., St. L. & P. (Pam Handle) to Columbus.

II. In General Orders No. 2 of National President, the inspection of all Corps in this Department is ordered during October and November. Considering inspection the most *important* work of the year, and in order that the inspection of each Corps may be thorough, Corps Presidents are urged to see that the books and papers are ready for the inspection, that the work of inspection may be uniform and thorough in details, Corps Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers will carefully study the following list of questions which will be asked by the Inspector and will see to it that the averages of meetings, attendance of officers, members, etc., is prepared in advance, and thus save much time:

1. Number of regular meetings in the year.
2. Number of members in good standing.
3. Average attendance of officers.
4. Average attendance of members, including officers.
5. Is the number of rituals complete?
6. Are all Orders received read to the Corps by Secretary?
7. Are they obeyed?
8. Are all National and Department General Orders preserved and filed?
9. Are all National and Department Convention proceedings preserved and filed?
10. Have all Reports and Dues been forwarded to Department Headquarters?
11. Amount charged for initiation (not including price of badges.)
12. Amount charged for yearly dues.
13. Is there a Relief Fund? (See R. and R., page 26. The great object of the Order.)
14. Amount of money in Relief Fund.
15. Amount expended for Relief from Oct. 1, 1887, to Oct. 1, 1888.
16. Estimated value of Relief other than money.
17. Have the books of the Secretary and Treasurer been examined by the Finance Committee?
18. Is the Charter in the hall at every regular meeting?
19. Has every member a copy of the Rules and Regulations?
20. Are copies of regular Quarterly Reports sent to the Post?
21. Are copies of regular Quarterly Relief Reports sent to the Post?
22. Are Reports accepted by the Post?
23. Do the Post and Corps work in harmony?
24. Did the Corps Representative report the proceedings of last Department Convention?

III. Corps President will arrange to call their Corps together on short notice, if necessary to do so, to accommodate Inspectors regarding railroad trains.

IV. Inspectors and their routes for 1888 :

Mrs. Inez J. Bender will inspect Nos. 36, 16, 94, 59, 113, 10, 3, 52, 1, 45, 84, 41, 97, 28, 66, 19, 27, 99, 50, 6, 12, 35, 68, 30, 118, 82, 20, 103, 14, 81, 73, 32, 24, 87, 72, 46, 101, 77, 55, 23, 121 and 40.

Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford will inspect Nos. 92, 108, 14, 65, 47, 8, 70, 34, 109, 58, 17, 89, 4, 64, 100, 15, 7 and 75.

Mrs. Artesia Hall will inspect Nos. 91, 90, 78 and 120.

Mrs. Sarah E. Taylor will inspect Nos. 49, 60 and 98.

Mrs. Eliza Torrance will inspect Nos. 116, 71, 107, 76, 111, 69 and 119.

Mrs. Marilla Ward will inspect Nos. 74, 21, 57 and 43.

Mrs. Dehlah A. Leaverton will inspect Nos. 42, 88, 95, 67, 39, 79, 37, 25, 114, 93, 63, 102, 105, 48 and 53.

Mrs. Ellen Ziegler will inspect Nos. 31, 13, 62, 9, 112, 26 and 2.

Mrs. Jennie G. Harrison will inspect Nos. 33, 54, 56, 106, 104 and 61.

Mrs. Minnie M. Kyle will inspect Nos. 22, 85, 38 and 117.

Miss Josephine P. Cleveland will inspect Nos. 96 and 110.

Mrs. Sarah Browning will inspect No. 5.

Mrs. Sue A. Sanders will inspect No. 51.

Mrs. Mary J. Stadden will inspect No. 115.

Mrs. Carrie T. Becker will inspect Nos. 18, 80 and 83.

V. Charters have been granted for several Corps not yet instituted. These will be duly notified by the Inspectors as to time of their inspection, and all Corps that may apply for Charter and be instituted prior to Oct. 1, the same.

VI. Corps Presidents are reminded that the representation to the Department Convention is based on the number reported in good standing Sept. 30, 1888. Let me urge you to look after those who are delinquent, so that your Corps may be well represented.

VII. In compliance with the action of the Fifth Department Convention, an appropriate badge for the W. R. C. of Illinois has been prepared. A limited number has been ordered for the National Convention, and will be for sale at Department Headquarters at 50 cents apiece. Any person not present wishing to secure one, can do so through Department Secretary on payment of 50 cents.

VIII. The Department President would recommend to Corps wishing to do more for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy, that they prepare bright patchwork quilts for use in the Hospital; also bandages, for we are assured both will be acceptable.

IX. Department Headquarters will be closed from Sept. 7th to 17th, during our absence at National Convention, and no letters will be answered during that time.

By Command of SARAH M. BRADFORD,
Department President.

JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND, *Department Secretary.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
AUGUSTA, November 12, 1888.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 7. }

I. The Department President is pleased to mention the increased correctness of Reports for the quarter ending September 30, 1888; also the cheerfulness of Corps officers to profit by suggestions from Headquarters to have Reports correct in every particular; and would urge still more care in sending

Reports and *per capita* tax, so that they will be at Department Headquarters *not* later than the 5th of the month following the close of the quarter, and would further recommend that Corps Secretaries and Treasurers meet to compare and verify, to avoid even small errors. This will save Corps much postage and valuable time.

II. Corps Presidents must sign their Reports on the outside, and read carefully the printed suggestions, that they may not affirm to a *false statement*; they must also have General Orders read at the *first* meeting after they are received, and at least once afterwards, and see that the requirements contained therein are obeyed. Corps Secretaries must keep them on file in the hall where they can be referred to when desired, and an extra copy will hereafter be sent for the use of the President.

Blanks for election returns will be sent with fourth quarterly report blanks, to be returned after installation of officers. (See National General Orders No. 2, Section 3.)

III. Corps Treasurers sending cash or postal notes must do so at *their own risk*, and the *per capita* tax must be deducted from disbursements of the current quarter. Money from the relief fund is for the soldier and his family, all else comes from General fund by vote of the Corps. (See R. & R. page 27.) Relief Fund *must* be established, and Corps not having such are not in good standing.

IV. Corps wishing to disband must comply with R. & R. Chap. II, Art. I, Sections 5, 6 and 8. Corps Presidents, Assistant Inspectors, I. and I. Officers will please supply themselves with large envelopes, (No. 10,) in which to return Reports to Headquarters.

V. According to R. & R., Chap. II, Art. VII, Section 1, the election of Corps Officers for the ensuing year will take place at the first regular meeting in December. The Department President would urge the necessity of Corps electing, as officers, their most *efficient* members, and when elected give them your hearty support and co-operation. Do not, as a reward for duty performed, place inefficient officers at the head of your Corps.

VI. Delegates and Alternates to Department Convention are also elected at the first regular meeting in December, based upon the number in *good standing* in Reports of quarter ending September 30, 1888. The Fifth Department Convention took the following action:

Resolved—"That at our next Annual Convention the basis of representation shall be one delegate to every thirty (30) members, and one delegate to each fraction of one-half or over that number: *Provided*, that each Corps organized before January 1, 1889, be allowed one delegate, and R. & R., Chap. III, Art. II, Sec. 6, says: 'And an equal number of alternates to the Department Convention.' " Send as delegates to Department Convention members capable of representing your Corps in a proper manner, and who are willing to remain to the close of the convention, in order to transact the business for which they are elected, and not leave a *few* to perform the duties of many, any lady feeling that she can not do this should decline an election as delegate.

VII. Rules and Regulations, Chap 5, Art. III, Sec. 3—"Any Corps in arrears for reports or dues, shall be excluded from all representation in the Department Convention until the same are forwarded."

VIII. The installation of officers shall take place at the first regular meeting in January following, or at a special meeting called for such purpose during the month. Present or past Department officers, also past Corps Presidents are authorized to act as Installing Officers. Corps are at liberty to make their own selection, and early notice must be sent to Department President, that she may *authorize* the same to act, and also that a good substitute may be appointed if the one first selected cannot serve.

IX. The traveling and local expenses of Installing Officers must be borne by the Corps.

X. The Sons of Veterans have upon the W. R. C. a peculiar claim, and we bespeak for them a generous encouragement in the organization of a Camp wherever exists a Post and Corps, remembering them as "Brave Sons of Noble Sires."

XI. Since the last recapitulation (General Order No. 2) the following Corps have been organized:

Corps No. 111—Rossville.	Corps No. 118—Lincoln.
" " 112—Glassford.	" " 119—Kankakee.
" " 113—Plano.	" " 121—Galesburg.
" " 114—Flora.	" " 122—Armington.
" " 115—Edinburg.	" " 123—Kirkland.
" " 116—Streator.	" " 32—Augusta. (Old number.)
" " 117—Waukegan.	" " 91—Barry. " "
" " 101—Sidell. Was omitted in the last enumeration.	
" " 54—Arcola. Suspended by action of the Fifth Department Convention for cause, from Feb. 18th to Aug. 17, 1888—(six months.) Suspension lifted and Charter revoked Aug. 7, 1888.	
" " 54—Arcola. Re-organized Aug. 29, 1888; and it is gratifying to report them now in good working order.	

Several Corps await institution.

XII. Corps Presidents will please make inquiry concerning army nurses in their jurisdiction, and if any are found who can authenticate their service for any period during the war, they will please send their names with recommendations to the Department Secretary *at once*.

XIII. Department President would remind Corps, they should especially remember the needy soldiers, widows and orphans from their abundance on or before Thanksgiving Day, not as a charity but as a free will offering. As only one short month will intervene between that day and Christmas, the "day of days"—toward which all, and especially the childish heart, look forward to, and are filled with bright imaginations of what may be—she would again call attention to the many little hearts to be made glad in the Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Normal. Contributions for this purpose may be sent in care of the Superintendent, H. C. DeMotte, at Soldiers' Orphans' Home.

XIV. A roster has become a necessity. The data contained in ours was written for so often, it was deemed advisable to make it as complete as possible, and Department President would request each Corps to send for *at least* one copy to assist in defraying the necessary expense of printing and binding. (Ten cents each.)

XV. Learning that in some Corps the form of ballot has been changed, Department President would call attention to the fact that the form of balloting authorized by the Fifth National Convention at St. Louis is the form to be used the ensuing year, as it was *not* changed by the Sixth National Convention. (See proceedings of Fifth National Convention.)

XVI. The Sixth National Convention convened in Columbus, O., September 12, 1888. The citizens, G. A. R. and W. R. C., spared neither pains nor expense to make our welcome most hearty and our stay pleasant. The roll call of the Convention showed an increase in our Order which is truly gratifying, while the attendance of visiting members was larger than ever before.

Mrs. Charity Rusk Craig, of Wisconsin, was chosen National President for the ensuing term. From her past record we predict for her a year of unbounded success marked by wisdom, prudence and dispatch. Future orders promulgated from National Headquarters will convey to Department and Corps officers the official action of that convention.

Corps Presidents and others receiving "General Orders No. 7," dated "November 1, 1888," will return them immediately to Department Secretary at Springfield, and only General Orders No. 7, dated November 12, 1888, will be official.

By command of SARAH M. BRADFORD,
Department President.

JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND, *Department Secretary.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
AUGUSTA, January 1st, 1889.

GENERAL ORDERS,)
No. 8. }

While the music of Christmas Carols, "Peace on earth good will to men," lingers on the distant air like a benediction, the Department President sends greeting to every member of the W. R. C., Department of Illinois.

Standing on the threshold of another year, looking at the 125 Corps in this Department—considering the noble purpose for which we have been organized,—contemplating our possibilities for good, "as the days are going by," she would urge every member to an enlarged view of those magic words, Fraternity, Charity, Loyalty—that Charity that thinketh no evil, but has a loving heart for every member of our Order, and an open hand for those who need our benefactions.

With the incoming of 1889, there comes to almost every Corps new officers to assume the duties and pleasures of serving those who have placed them in office; give them most cordial support, remembering they are human and may err, but

"Who does the best his circumstances allows,
Does well, Acts nobly, Angels could no more."

The outgoing President and Secretary, as their last official act, are instructed to fill out the Blanks for Election Returns (which accompany Blanks for Fourth Quarterly Reports,) *immediately after installation* of officers, and state also whether private or public, whether with Post G. A. R. or Camp Sons of Veterans. One copy must be sent immediately to the Department Secretary and one to the Department I. and I. Officer, Mrs. Mary K. Holtzman, Pontiac, Ill. Let there be no delay, so that Department Officers may have plenty of time to complete the roll of delegates to Department Convention, February 20th and 21st. Further information in reference to Convention will be issued later.

Also send a record to Department Secretary prior to January 25th, of any contribution during the year to either the Soldiers' Home at Quincy, or Orphans' Home at Normal, stating what articles and the date they were sent.

Opportunity is hereby given all members of this Department to send such questions as they desire to have answered at Convention, to these Headquarters, not later than January 25th, that they may be properly considered, and correct decisions given.

It is with regret the Department President learns there are still some Corps in whose eligibility to membership in our Order is considered to be *relationship* to the soldier. It has long since been decided by our wisest legislators in the W. R. C. that all loyal women of good moral character are eligible, whether they ever had a relative in the army or not. Some Posts, also, try to secure charters for a W. R. C. as their auxiliary, that shall be composed entirely of soldiers' wives, sisters, mothers and daughters, to the exclusion of loyal women. This, according to our law, cannot be granted. Many a Union

soldier has since the war married a wife who has given aid and comfort to the enemies of the Union. Such women are not eligible to membership in our Order, but the *loyal woman*, who had neither father, brother, husband or son to lay as a sacrifice upon the altar of her country, and who, during the dark days in our history, cared for the wives and little ones at home, and contributed of her labor and substance to sustain and encourage the soldiers at the front, is *eligible*, and most gladly welcomed to our ranks.

The Service Books are now ready. Those having been ordered and paid for will be sent out by Department Treasurer. Corps desiring them should remit, and send for them (2) immediately to Miss Ada Carlton, Bloomington, to have them in time for installation of their Officers (25 cents each.)

Treasurers must qualify *before* installation, see R. and R. The Installing officer cannot install any Treasurer who presents herself without having filed her bond with President of Corps.

Attention of all Department Officers is called to the action of Fifth Department Convention regarding Reports of said Officers. (See proceedings of Fifth Department Convention, page 79.)

It is the intention to establish a Museum at the Illinois Soldiers' Home, the collection to consist of war relics, especially, and of such curiosities generally as may help to make an interesting collection.

The Home should be an appropriate place in which to place old flags, swords or any articles having value as mementoes of the war, and all such, duly authenticated, would be safely stored and could be seen by the donor on visiting the institution. Curiosities of all descriptions, such as Indian weapons and utensils, &c., would also be acceptable. Articles, if not too bulky or heavy, may be sent per express, the Home paying charges. Please accompany them with a statement, giving the history of the relic or curiosity.

All members of the Woman's Relief Corps are asked to kindly lend their aid in the building up of this collection.

Address,

J. G. ROWLAND,
Supt. Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home,
Quincy, Illinois.

By command of SARAH M. BRADFORD,
Department President.

JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND, *Department Secretary.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
AUGUSTA, JANUARY 22, 1889.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 9. }

I. Inspection returns show three (3) Corps in this Department not conforming to R. and R. Chap. II, Art. II, Sec. 1, which reads, "the initiation fee shall be not less than one dollar, and price of badge added thereto." (General Orders No. 5, paragraph VIII, issued from these Headquarters, called attention to this matter. Rules and Regulations *must* be complied with in this particular. Corps having By-Laws that conflict with R. and R. on this point are instructed to take steps immediately to amend the same and make them conform to this section of R. and R.

II. The Sixth Department Convention Woman's Relief Corps will be held in Y. M. C. A. Building, Springfield, February 20 and 21, 1889. The opening session will be held February 20 at 10 A. M. Headquarters have been established at the Hotel Palace, where Department President and staff will be happy to welcome all friends of the W. R. C.

III. The Executive Board are hereby called to meet in room 18, Hotel Palace, February 19, at 9:30 A. M., to audit the books of the Secretary and Treasurer, who are requested to be present and have everything in readiness for the performance of this work.

IV. The Department Council will meet in room 18, Hotel Palace, February 19, at 1:30 P. M. If every member of the Council can arrange to reach Springfield by Tuesday morning, a prompt attendance at this meeting may be secured.

V. Wednesday evening, February 20, is set apart for the exemplification of the Ritual. The members will meet in the Y. M. C. A. Building promptly at 8 o'clock. After the exemplification the doors will be thrown open and an *informal* reception given by Department President and staff, assisted by all Department Aides who may be present.

VI. The members of Department Convention are Department officers; all Past Department and Corps Presidents in good standing in their respective Corps; Corps Presidents, in their absence the Senior or Junior Vice-President; regularly elected delegates, in their absence the regularly elected alternates. All members of our Order are cordially invited as visitors.

VII. That Department Treasurer's report may be ready for printing prior to Convention, and her books ready for examination by the Executive Board, her accounts will be closed early. Corps wishing supplies will order before February 8, no supplies will be sent out by Department Treasurer after that date, and none will be sold during Convention.

VIII. Election returns have not been received from all Corps; retiring Corps Presidents will please see to this as per General Orders No. 8, also report the delegates and alternates at the same time.

IX. Transfer Cards issued by Department to members of Corps No. 29 (disbanded) prior to January 1, 1889, have been called in; all outstanding are void, and Corps Presidents will see that they are not received.

X. The new National pass word will accompany these Orders.

XI. Department Officers having a supply of unused stationery will please bring it with them to Convention to be turned over with other supplies to their successors.

XII. The following appointments are announced for Convention:

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Mrs. Mary J. Stadden, *Chairman*.

Mesdames Woods, Guest, Hughes, Ide, Cantwell, Davis, Misses Cleveland and Jackson.

Conductor—Mrs. J. G. Manlove.

Guard—Mrs. Mary Iles.

Assistant Conductor—Mrs. Guest.

Assistant Guard—Mrs. Nannie Bell.

Organist—Mrs. Eva Munson Smith.

General Orders No. 9 closes the current series, also the work of the year in this direction. I wish herewith to return thanks to all officers and members of the W. R. C. in this Department for your cheerful compliance with all requests, and hearty co-operation in all that tends toward the advancement of our Order. Whatever of success has attended this administration is due to your efforts. I bespeak for my successor the same kindly forbearance and consideration you have ever shown me. May we all pledge anew our devotion to the principles of the W. R. C., and our appreciation and love of those for whose aid and encouragement we are banded together.

By command of SARAH M. BRADFORD,
Department President.

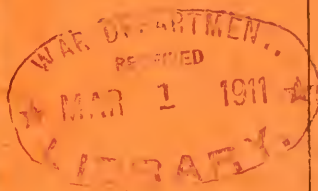
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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, ILLINOIS W. R. C., 1889.

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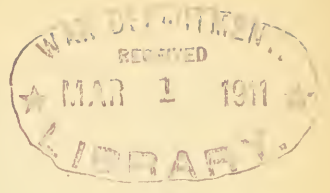
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AUXILIARY TO THE G. A. R.

The Seventh Department Convention, Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic was called to order in the First Presbyterian Church, Quincy, Illinois by the President, Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton, at 11 A. M. Wednesday, March 12, 1890.

The following ladies appointed previous to the Convention were in their places:

Mrs. Helen Bristol	Corps 47,	Conductor
Miss Nellie Graham	" "	Ass't Conductor.
Mrs. Lucy Merrick	" "	Guard.
Mrs. C. T. Fenton	" "	Ass't Guard.
Mrs. Eugenia Follensbee	" "	Reporter.
Mrs. Eva Munson Smith	" 17	Organist.
Mrs. Artemesia Hall, Corps 65, was appointed Ass't Secretary.		

Scripture reading by Department Chaplain, Mrs. Mary R. Fletcher, was followed by the Lords Prayer in concert after which the Opening Ode was sung.

Conductors were instructed to take up the password which they did, at the same time distributing Officers' Reports and receiving the Credential Cards.

The Roll of Officers was then called by the Secretary.

*President,	Mrs. Delilah Leaverton,	Palestine.
*S. V. P.,	" Mary J. Stadden,	Springfield.
*J. V. P.,	" Laura E. Distin,	Quincy.
*Secretary	Miss Martha Lindsey,	Palestine.
*Treasurer	" Ada Carlton,	Bloomington.
*Chaplain,	Mrs. Mary R. Fletcher,	Morris.
*Inspector,	Miss Josephine P. Cleveland,	Springfield.
*Counselor,	Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford,	Augusta.
*I. & I. Officer,	" Sarah E. Hannon,	Cairo.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

*Sue A. Sanders, Delavan;	*Lorraine J. Pitkin, Chicago;
*Sallie Freeman, Palestine;	*Marilla Ward, Gibson City;
*Julia G. Sine, Rockford.	

Department President.—Ladies in compliance with the orders of Fifth Department Convention, all Officers' Reports have been printed and are ready for distribution except the President's Address and Treasurer's Report which should be read.

What is your pleasure regarding the reading of all Officers' Reports to this Convention?

Motion by Mrs Bender, seconded by Mrs Howison, that all Officers' Reports except those of President and Treasurer be referred without reading, to the Committee on Officers' Reports. Carried.

The Reports of Officers being in order, the President's Address was read after which the Treasurer made her report.

* Denotes members present.

Address of the Department President.

To the Members of the Seventh Department Convention:

DEAR LADIES—On the One Hundred and Fifty-Seventh Anniversary of Washington's birth, the Sixth Annual Convention, Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Illinois placed upon me the duties and honors of Department President.

I, having been in the work from the beginning of the organization of this Department, had some knowledge of the responsibilities and work before me, and accepted the office with a determination to give my best energies and all the ability I possessed to promote the interests and progress of this grand Charitable Organization. Grand, because it is auxiliary to one of the most worthy of all organizations for dispensing relief—the Grand Army of the Republic.

I had no personal preferences nor personal ambitions. My sole purpose has been to do my whole duty and follow the laws and teachings of our Order; to fulfill my Obligation of Office, and assist every corps in this Department, as far as possible, to do the same.

I trust that our coming together at this, our seventh annual meeting, may result in much good to the order; that your deliberations may be conducted with wisdom and Fraternity, and that your decisions will be given only after careful thought, ever keeping in mind the noble objects for which we are banded together. Let no Representative return to her home feeling that she has let golden moments pass unimproved.

I shall not take up your valuable time in making a lengthy address, but refer you to the able reports of the Department Officers for the details of the various branches of the Department work; to all of which, I ask your careful attention.

You will see by these reports that the Woman's Relief Corps in Illinois takes no backward steps. Though clouds have sometimes appeared in our horizon they have retreated like mist before the morning sun. While with steady tramp! tramp! four thousand, eight hundred and two, willing, loyal women have kept closed ranks and pushed this noble work to the front.

There has been a continuous growth in corps, membership, and usefulness.

Truly an all-wise Ruler smiles approvingly upon this organization.

THE WORK OF THE YEAR.

The work of the year has been done by the various Department Officers in a systematic manner. Not one report from Dep't Secretary, Treasurer, Inspector, or I. & I. Officer, forwarded by me to National Headquarters, has been returned for correction, which fact speaks well for the business qualifications of these officers.

It is the duty of the Department President to enforce the Rules and Regulations and all orders from proper authority. For this purpose she may issue such orders as may be necessary. It has seemed necessary to issue ten General Orders and three Circulars.

I wish I could impress it upon the mind of every member that General Orders are issued by National and Department Presidents at a considerable expense of time, labor and money, for the purpose of making plain the work and giving instructions to all members.

It is also the duty of Department President to carry out decisions and acts of Department Convention, (providing they do not conflict with R. & R. and other orders from proper authority,) which I have endeavored to do.

In all important matters not covered by Rules and Regulations and G. A. R. *Blue Book*, I have ever sought, and followed the advice of National President and Department Commander.

On account of sickness at Past Dep't Headquarters, the Department Record, containing proceedings of Sixth Department Convention, did not reach these Headquarters until March 29th, 1889, and the printed Proceedings not until May 11th.

The committee, appointed to present to the Legislature in session at Springfield a bill for the purchase of an American flag, to be hung in every school house in the state of Illinois, informed me it was too late to get the bill before the Legislature then in session. The Chairman of this committee will report to this Convention at the proper time.

In appointing assistant I. & I. Officers (where no requests were made,) I have tried to appoint those who were competent living nearest the corps to be instituted; and thus save expense to the new corps.

The Sixth Department Convention decided that a committee be appointed to visit the Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Normal Ill., and left it to the incoming Department President to decide whether it be a committee of one, or two. I felt that one could do the work required and so lessen the expense to Department.

It is my opinion that when you hear her report, you will be well pleased and decide as I did, that one little woman was equal to the emergency.

In referring to the Souvenir Badge, for National Convention, the Sixth Dep't Convention decided that the "change in size and shape of fish, if any, be left in the hands of the Executive Board." The badge was not ready for National Convention at Milwaukee, which we regretted very much as there were many calls for it at our Dep't Headquarters. The Chairman of Executive Board will make a report on this matter during this Convention.

By request of the Secretary of the Lincoln Memorial League, I had the pleasure of presenting, in behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps of this Department, a wreath of flowers to be placed upon the Sarcophagus, accompanied by a letter to be read as a part of the Memorial Service on the

anniversary of the death of our much loved and lamented Abraham Lincoln.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence of the year has been very large, owing to the many questions asked; sometimes amounting to ten or twelve in a day, all of which have been answered according to my understanding of the laws that govern our order. To prepare these answers has required many days and almost nights of careful, earnest work. It is true that the answers to many of these questions could have been found by the persons asking them, by a careful reading of Rules and Regulations and G. A. R. Blue Book, thereby relieving a Department President of many weary hours; for the decisions of the Dep't President must be in accordance with these Rules. But I have no word of censure for any one, for it shows a desire on the part of members to be sure they are right.

I have sent thirty-nine special Dispensations, fifty Details for Installing officers, and twenty-five Details to Assistant L. & I. Officers to institute corps.

FINANCE.

I am happy to say that the Finances of this Department are in a flourishing condition notwithstanding the extra amount of expense voted by the Sixth Department Convention and with the per capita tax remaining at eight cents.

The situation in the begining of the year was anything but flattering; but we were fortunate in getting work done at Headquarters at a reduction, and the prospect brightened so much that I began to consider the purchase of a banner for Department of Illinois W. R. C. before going to Nat'l. Convention at Milwaukee, and wrote at once to Dep't Counselor and found it met her approval.

Firms in several different cities were written to for prices and designs, but I found that in Chicago we could purchase an elegant banner made of the best material and everything complete, for One Hundred dollars; such as we should have to pay One-hundred and Fifty for elsewhere.

June 26, 1889, I sent a communication to the Department Executive Board asking them if they were willing, by their signatures, to authorize me to procure for the Department of Illinois W. R. C. a suitable banner not to exceed in price One Hundred Dollars.

Every member of the Executive Board approved by their signatures, thus giving me the authority to purchase the banner which is before you.

All bills presented during the year (for which I had the authority to do so) have been ordered paid.

You will see by Department Treasurer's report that there are liabilities none, and money and supplies on hand.

The Seventh National Convention voted to reduce the National per capita tax to one and one-half cents per member; but we did not receive the benefit of that until the Fourth quarter. So you see that the National per capita tax will not be so much in the coming year as it has been in the past. Hence, Recommendation No. 1.

INSPECTION.

This line of work is a very important one, from the fact that it is a work of *Instruction* and requires efficient workers.

In order to make it a success, Assistant Inspectors should be able to teach not only Ritualistic work, but the proper method of keeping books, making reports, etc. Hence, Recommendation No. 3.

The Department spares neither labor nor money to fully inspect and instruct each Corps, yearly. Desiring to give all possible assistance, written instructions were sent from Headquarters to each Assistant Inspector.

MEMORIAL DAY.

The Dep't Chaplain made a report to Nat'n'l Chaplain and to Dep't Chaplain G. A. R.

The Nat'n'l Chaplain says: "A most excellent report from Mary E. Fletcher, Dep't Chaplain, with Summary."

Corps Chaplains should be careful to make reports on

time and state all important points to Dep't Chaplain, in order that Corps and Department may receive due credit.

It is truly gratifying to know that, although there was a continuous rain in most localities, this sacred day was widely observed by the corps in this Department, and also, that the Department Treasurer received One Hundred and Twelve dollars and Eighty cents for building National Relief Corps Home, in response to the Circular sent out by National Pension and Relief Committee.

Had these Circulars not been delayed on the road, we feel that a much larger amount would have been received for this very worthy object.

RECOMMENDATIONS,

No. 1.—That the Department per capita tax remain the same—eight cents per member.

No. 2.—That the salary of Dep't Secretary and Treasurer remain the same—ten per cent each of all per capita tax received.

No. 3.—In order that the assistant Inspectors may have ample time to be prepared for the important work before them, I recommend that Department Inspector nominate her assistants for appointment by Dep't President within two months after she is installed as Department Inspector.

No. 4.—In order that assistant Instituting and Installing Officers may be able to give the necessary instructions to all the officers at the time of instituting a corps, I recommend that new corps be urged to have all the necessary supplies on hand at time of institution: such as Ledger, Cash Book, Requisitions, General Order File, Receipt and Order Books; and that one each of corps Secretary's and Treasurer's quarterly Blanks, Form "A" and Form "B" be sent with I. & I. Blanks to Assistant I. & I. Officer when she is appointed to institute the new corps, that she may give the Secretary and Treasurer instructions how to fill out the same.

No. 5.—That the National and Department Journals be

placed in the hands of the Dep't Treasurer to be sent out, in order that she may furnish each new corps with a copy of each when sending its supplies; and thus be saving of expense to corps when instituted.

No. 6.—That the retiring Dep't Secretary be given fifteen days instead of ten, to convey to her successor a copy of the approved minutes of Convention after its close, and that said minutes contain all Resolutions adopted by Convention that are necessary for the new administration to know in order to push the work.

No. 7.—That all retiring Department Secretaries see that there are sufficient blanks on hand at close of year to meet the present demand.

CONCLUSION.

Words fail me when I attempt to acknowledge the many courtesies I have received.

Those who so kindly extended sympathy and offers of help during the severe illness of my husband will never be forgotten.

All communications received at Headquarters have been kind, thus making our business relations pleasant which otherwise might have been irksome, leading us often to say, "Truly this is a Fraternal organization."

We are under many obligations to the Department Commander, Dep't Adjutant, and other comrades of the Grand Army for cheerful assistance; to National Presidents, Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Wittenmeyer, for counsel and advice, and to Mrs. Lippencott, Matron of the Hospital at Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Quincy, Ill., who have furnished us with such an excellent report of donations received at Hospital from corps in this Department, thus enabling us to make a more complete report of work done, to the Twenty-fourth Department Encampment G. A. R. now in session. Her report will be read in your hearing.

Words feebly express my appreciation of Dep't Secretary who has rendered conscientious, painstaking service to the Order.

I wish to thank Department Treasurer who has ever been prompt and thorough in her work, thereby relieving us of many cares.

All other Department Officers and Aides have my thanks for efficient, faithful work.

And now as I lay down the duties and responsibilities of Department President, I trust that my successor may be a woman of broad views, fully understanding the principals and laws of our Order; cautious, losing sight of self and personal preferences; having only a desire to advance the interests of our Order and that of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Before closing, I will say, let the recruiting of earnest women go rapidly on. Each year finds more work for us to do, and we need the active assistance of all loyal women, thus enabling us to reach beyond the pockets of the comrades of the Grand Army and give the opportunity to all charitable and patriotic ladies to take a part in this noble work. For we know that our efforts in charitable ways are not thrown away upon the thriftless beggar, but are only an attempt to pay a debt that we all owe to our Nation's defenders.

May God bless you all and keep you true to the principals of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

Department President.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., FEB., 14, 1890.

MISS MARTHA LINDSEY,

Department Secretary.

I am instructed by my superior officer to send report as Senior Vice President in time to be printed for Department Convention to be held at Quincy, Ill., March 12, 1890. Rules and Regulations of our order thus defines the duties of Vice Presidents. Department Vice Presidents shall assist the President by counsel or otherwise, &c. Our President's experience as Counselor and as Senior Vice President made the one duty that is "by counsel unnecessary on" my part, and the great efficiency of the "staff officers" left nothing for me to do.

The report of the I. & I. Officer will show that I have been called upon to institute but two corps, that is A. J. Welch Corps No. 129 at Pawnee, in April, and Gov. Yates Corps No. 149 (nothing preventing) Feb. 18th, at Jacksonville, Ill. So you see my duties have been few and light, scarcely sufficient to warrant a report that can add interest to the convention, and curely not worth the printer's ink.

Sincerely Yours in F. C. and L.,

Mrs. Mary J. Stadden.

Senior Vice-President, Dep't. Ill.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SECRETARY.

PALESTINE, ILLINOIS, MARCH, 5, 1890.

TO MRS. DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

Department President.

In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of our Order, I have the honor to submit to you and the Seventh Department Convention a report of my year's work as Secretary of this Department.

The following tables show the gains, losses and present membership from December 31, 1888, to December 31, 1889.

No. of members in good standing at the beginning of the year, 4020.

FIRST QUARTER.

GAIN.		LOSS.	
By Initiation.....	297	By Death.....	7
By Transfer.....	10	By Honorable Discharge.....	21
By Reinstatement.....	62	By Transfer.....	13
By Reinstatement from Delinquent Reports.....	17	By Suspension.....	140
		By Dishonorable Discharge..	1
		By Delinquent Reports.....	87
Total	386	Total	269

No. remaining in good standing at end of First Quarter, 4137.

No. of members and families assisted, 154.

No. of soldiers and families assisted, 438.

Amount of money expended for Relief.....\$1230 44

Amount expended for Relief other than money..... 494 69

Total\$1725 13

SECOND QUARTER.

GAIN.		LOSS.	
By Initiation.....	414	By Death.....	7
By Transfer.....	12	By Honorable Discharge.....	17
By Reinstatement.....	40	By Transfer.....	27
By Reinstatement from Delinquent Reports.....	35	By Suspension.....	165
		By Dishonorable Discharge...	2
		By Delinquent Reports.....	141
Total.....	501	Total.....	359

No. remaining in good standing at end of Second Quarter, 4279.

No. of members and families assisted, 71.

No. of soldiers and families assisted, 243.

Amount of money expended for Relief.....\$ 654 54

Amount expended for Relief other than money..... 702 15

Total.....\$1356 69

THIRD QUARTER.

GAIN.		LOSS.	
By Initiation.....	343	By Death.....	9
By Transfer.....	3	By Honorable Discharge.....	12
By Reinstatement.....	56	By Transfer.....	28
By Reinstatement from De-		By Suspension.....	94
linquent Reports.....	39	By Dishonorable Discharge..	4
		By Delinquent Reports.....	83
Total	441	Total	230

No. remaining in good standing at end of Third Quarter, 4490.

No. of members and families assisted, 34.

No. of soldiers and families assisted, 185.

Amount of money expended for Relief.....	\$ 422 41
Amount expended for Relief other than money.....	219 26
Total	\$ 641 67

FOURTH QUARTER.

GAIN.		LOSS.	
By Initiation.....	289	By Death.....	10
By Transfer.....	10	By Honorable Discharge.....	29
By Reinstatement.....	58	By Transfer.....	26
By Reinstatement from De-		By Suspension.....	161
linquent Reports.....	40	By Dishonorable Discharge..	6
		By Delinquent Reports.....	115
Total.....	397	Total.....	347

No. remaining in good standing at end of Fourth Quarter, 4540.

No. of members and families assisted, 76.

No. of soldiers and families assisted, 462.

Amount of money expended for Relief.....	\$ 984 19
Amount expended for Relief other than money.....	555 15
Total.....	\$1539 34

Total number of members assisted during the year, 335.

Total number of soldiers and families assisted during year, 1328.

Total amount of money expended for Relief	\$3291 58
Total amount of Relief other than money.....	1971 25
Total amount turned over to Posts.....	1162 58
Amount of Relief expended from Department Treasury.....	10 00
Total amount expended for Relief	\$6435 41

If the relief shown by the reports that came in too late for National Report could be added, the total would have been considerably larger.

There have been organized in this Department since January 1st, 1890, the following Corps:

Jas. A. Mulligan.....	No. 141.....	Chicago
Gov. Yates.....	No. 149.....	Jacksonville
Alton.....	No. 151.....	Alton

On account of the sickness of the officers, eight reports, with a membership of 157, came in too late for National Report. This num-

ber, together with the 55 members belonging to the three Corps organized since January 1st, makes our number 4802 at this date.

The Assistant I. & I. Officer reports that Gen. Louis Blenker Corps, No. 150, Chicago, will be instituted March 8th.

Corps Organized in 1889:

March 20, Dan Miles.....	No. 127.....	Eureka
" 29, Randolph.....	No. 128.....	Tonica
April 6, A J Weber.....	No. 129.....	Pawnee
" 5, S J Steadman.....	No. 130.....	Tampico
" 11, Atlanta.....	No. 131.....	Atlanta
" 16, Oregon.....	No. 132.....	Oregon
" 18 J B Lanzer.....	No. 133.....	Harvard
May 9, Dickerson.....	No. 134.....	Bradford
" 16, John Hunter.....	No. 135.....	Minier
July 17, George G Mead.....	No. 136.....	Englewood
" 30, Ellery.....	No. 137.....	Ellery
" 3, Martin R Delaney.....	No. 138.....	Chicago
" 10, Eugene Lyford.....	No. 139.....	Port Byron
" 16, Bartleson.....	No. 140.....	Joliet
August 9, E N Kirk.....	No. 142.....	Peru
" 8, Blue Island.....	No. 143.....	Blue Island
October 16, Dwight.....	No. 144.....	Dwight
November 21, Yates.....	No. 145.....	Edlingham
Dec. 4, James Haynes.....	No. 146.....	Raymond
" 14, Thomas Layton.....	No. 147.....	Lewiston
" 20, Mound City.....	No. 148.....	Mound City
Total No. corps instituted during your administration is 25.		

No. of Suspended Corps at beginning of the year:

J F French.....	No. 11.....	Princeville
J A Maltby.....	No. 56.....	Morseville
Cooling.....	No. 61.....	Byron
Sidell.....	No. 101.....	Sidell

Cooling, No. 61, has since been reinstated. The other three still retain their Charters and supplies.

During the year the following Corps have disbanded:

Glasford.....	No. 112.....	Glasford
J F French.....	No. 11.....	Princeville
James Adams.....	No. 72.....	Chrisman
Col. Jas A Mulligan.....	No. 23.....	Chicago
Wash Alexander.....	No. 75.....	Bethany

Ten Department General Orders and three Circulars, nine National General Orders and two Circulars, the "Memorial of the Flowers," (issued by National Pension and Relief Committee,) Circular from Phil Kearney Post, Richmond, Va., four copies of Sixth Department Convention Proceedings, one copy of the Seventh National Convention Proceedings, one Roster,⁵ Department and National pass words,

and Blanks necessary for all reports have been sent to each Corps.

General Orders, Circulars, Proceedings and Rosters have been sent to National Headquarters W. R. C., Department Headquarters G. A. R. and to the officers of this Department.

Proceedings and Rosters were sent free to the Department officers and to the Corps.

Copies of the Sixth Department Convention Proceedings were sent to the Headquarters of the several Departments.

Circular No. 1, containing Instructions to Posts wishing to organize an Auxiliary, was sent at the beginning of the year, to each G. A. R. Post in this Department. It has also been sent out with application for charter and to each Assistant I. & I. Officer.

The following Corps have made a report to me of the donations to Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy:

No. 39—Four quilts and night shirts.

No. 53—One quilt, value \$10.

No. 58—1 high-back rocking-chair with cushion and head rest.

No. 59—50 yards of bandages; 1 bundle of old linen; one-half dozen button-bags and contents; 2 year's numbers of Demorest's Magazines; 1 year's numbers of Home Missions; one year's numbers of "Forward"; one year's numbers of one year's numbers of Golden Days; one year's numbers of Miscellaneous; five copies of Chatauquan; one copy St. Louis; two copies Harper's; six miscellaneous books by standard authors; five copies Century Magazine; one box containing one quilt, one cushion for chair, two head-rests, also two dollars and twenty five cents with which to purchase rocking chair.

No. 64—1 box jelly, value \$1.50; 4 quilts, value \$8; 1 chair value \$15.

85—1 dozen pairs felt slippers, 1 quilt.

No. 92—Flannel night shirt, \$15; 4 dozen handkerchiefs,

\$2.50; 6 rocking-chairs with cushions and head-rests, \$21.00;
1 box books, \$15.

No. 120—2 quilts, value \$5.

PROPERTY ON HAND AT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.

51 Blanks for quarterly re- ports of Sec'y. Form A.	1 Letter Press.
62 Blanks for quarterly re- ports of Treas. Form B.	2 Blue Books.
25 Memorial Day Blanks.	1 Brush for letter Book.
85 I. & I. Blanks.	22 Printed Postal Cards for use of Assistant Inspec- tors.
34 Blank Applications for Charter.	1 Roster for 1889 (written.)
2 Blank Charters.	1 Roster for 1890 (written.)
9 Election Return Blanks.	1 Department Record.
218 Credential Cards, light Rib- bon for eleven Charters.	1 Large book in which quar- terly reports to Nation- al are filed.
1 Department Seal.	1 Department Banner.
4 Old and 1 new General Order Files.	1 Department Charter.?
3 Old Letter Files.	1 Trunk for use of Secreta- ry.
10 Letter Books.	1 Map of Illinois.
13 Seal Wafers.	1 Gavel.

There are besides numerous General Orders, Circulars
Rosters, Proceedings, Mailing Tubes, etc.

The "red ink" number has been placed on the Secretary's
quarterly blanks and they and the Treasurers' blanks folded
placed in the envelopes and directed ready for the incoming
Secretary to send out to the corps for the first reports in 1890.

Before closing this report, I wish to express my admiration
for the manner in which Miss Carlton, Department Treasur-
er, has performed the work belonging to her office and to
congratulate the Department on being able to claim as a mem-
ber one so well fitted to guard its Treasury.

I am under obligations to Miss Cleveland, Past Depart-
ment Secretary, for her untiring efforts to make plain the
work of my office.

To you, Mrs. President, is tendered my grateful apprecia-
tion of your many acts of kindness and assistance to me dur-

ing the year While your labors in behalf of our Order have cost you days of care and many sleepless nights, you have your reward in the knowledge that no exertion has been spared to advance the interests of the Order and to make the year's work a success and your efforts have not been in vain.

To all other members who have in any way assisted me I extend my most sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

MARTHA LINDSEY,

Department Secretary.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT TREASURER.

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT TREASURER, W. R. C.,
BLOOMINGTON, ILL., MARCH 6, 1890.

MISS MARTHA LINDSEY,

Department Secretary, W. R. C.

In compliance with our Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to submit herewith my financial statement from Feb. 25th 1889 to March 6th, 1890.

ACCOUNT CURRENT.

ADA CARLTON, *Department Treasurer.*

In account with THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

DR.

Cash on hand as per last report.....	\$ 196 90
Received for Per Capita Tax	1430 84
" " Charter fees.....	125 00
" " Supplies.....	1218 76
" " Dispensations	2 00
" " Sucker Badges.....	2 00
" " Memorial Building Fund.....	112 80
Total to be accounted for.....	\$3088 30

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By disbursements as per abstract.....	\$2876 11
Cash on hand.....	212 19
Total accounted for.....	\$3088 30

Abstract of Per Capita Tax.

Received First Quarter	\$ 334 80
" Second Quarter.....	373 56
" Third Quarter.....	366 72
" Fourth Quarter.....	375 76
Total	\$1430 84

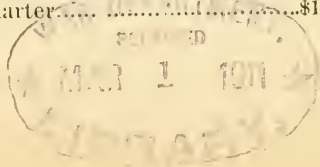
SUPPLIES ON HAND.

352 Badges all grades.....	\$105 60
10½ Yards badge ribbon.....	2 10
80 Emblems for past officers' badges.....	1 60
68 Rituals	12 24
42 Installation servicers.....	7 56
22 Burial servicers.....	1 76
26 Rules and Regulations.....	78
104 Applications for membership.....	52
122 Corps relief reports.....	61
61 Corps Treasurers' bonds.....	61
30 Corps Requisitions.....	4 50
23 Sheets music.....	1 84
74 Ode cards.....	74
57 Ritual cards.....	57
107 Discharge cards.....	1 33½
85 Transfer cards.....	1 06½
86 Visiting cards.....	1 07½
5 Journals	3 50
4 Ledgers.....	3 20
1 Cash book.....	80
8 Roll books.....	6 40
16 Order books.....	6 40
3 Receipt books.....	1 20
38 Black books.....	3 04
16 General Order files.....	8 00
17 Letter files.....	10 20
1 Beath's Blue Book.....	87½
41 Large electrotypes.....	12 30
27 Small ".....	5 40
77 Specimen sheet ledger and cash books.....	2 31
191 Bronzed recognition badges.....	38 20
2 Gold ".....	4 75
Total	\$251 08

ABSTRACT OF EXPENDITURES.

FIRST QUARTER FROM FEBRUARY 25, TO MARCH 31, 1889.

March 5, Delilah A. Leaverton, expenses to Department Convention.....	\$ 15 35
" 6, Sarah Bradford, Dep't office and Convention expenses.....	20 53
" 7 Josephine Cleveland, office expenses to March 1st...	18 36
" 7 Julia Sine, expenses during Convention.....	13 25
" 9 Eva Smith, " " ".....	2 25
" 9 Ada Carlton " " ".....	12 75
" 9 Clara Harral " " ".....	14 50
" 11 Ellen Ziegler " " ".....	10 00
" 18 Inez Bender " " ".....	7 00
" 18 " " postage and telegram.....	66
" 20 Sarah Bradford, Convention expenses.....	6 00
" 20 T. A. Messick, express on trunk from Past Dept Sec.	6 43
" 25 Alexander Brothers, for printing.....	9 50
" 25 Delilah A. Leaverton, postage.....	2 00
" 25 Martha Lindsey, postage.....	5 81
Total expended first quarter.....	\$144 39



SECOND QUARTER FROM APRIL 1, TO JUNE 30, 1889.

April	2	M. K. Holtzman, postage.....	\$ 1 24
"	2	" " " Convention expenses.....	10 95
"	16	Alexander Brothers, printing.....	23 25
"	16	Martha Lindsey, postage.....	2 54
"	20	M. I. Sandes, Convention expenses.....	13 25
"	20	L. A. Turner, National Treas. for Per Capita tax.....	82 74
"	24	F. D. Alexander, of Palestine, express on stationary and for telegram.....	3 66
"	27	Alexander Brothers, printing.....	7 00
"	29	L. A. Turner, for supplies.....	200 00
"	29	Sarah Boles, at Charleston, for Relief.....	10 00
May	8	W. Alexander, of Palestine, postage stamps.....	7 00
"	20	Jas. Ledbetter, of Cartersville, supplies returned to Department.....	5 13
"	20	Phiel, Williams & Bredt, of Chicago, two past presi- dents' gold badges.....	40 00
"	20	Alexander Brothers, printing.....	10 00
"	28	Sue Sanders, Convention expenses.....	14 80
"	31	W. Alexander, of Palestine, for postage.....	3 65
"	31	F. D. Alexander, of Palestine, for express.....	6 83
June	10	H. H. Haskett, of Palestine, postage stamps.....	5 00
"	11	H. W. Rokker, printing Department proceedings.....	158 70
"	11	Emma Beckley, expenses to Chicago to investigate in the case of Mrs. M. I. Sandes.....	4 25
"	11	Sarah Bradford, expenses to Chicago to investigate in the case of Mrs. M. I. Sandes.....	14 65
"	22	Ada Carlton, salary for first quarter.....	33 48
"	22	" " " office expenses.....	25 23
"	22	Martha Lindsey, salary first quarter.....	33 48
"	22	Alexander Brothers printing.....	9 00
"	25	F. D. Alexander, of Palestine, for express.....	2 50
Total expended second quarter.....			\$728 33

THIRD QUARTER FROM JULY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1889.

July	22	L. A. Turner, for per capita tax.....	\$ 85 58
"	24	" " " for memorial building fund.....	72 80
"	24	Delilah Leaverton, postage and money order.....	20 00
"	27	L. A. Turner, for supplies.....	300 00
Aug	3	Jennie Bross, expenses to Chicago to investigate in the case of Mrs. M. I. Sandes.....	5 00
"	5	F. D. Alexander, of Palestine, for express.....	4 95
"	5	Etta Corning, of Warren, for supplies returned to Dept	4 94
"	10	Martha Lindsey, salary, postage and postal cards.	41 60
"	10	Ada Carlton, salary for second quarter.....	34 93
"	13	Delilah Leaverton, for Department banner.....	100 00
Sept.	12	" " " Department Officers and Aides' badges for National Convention.....	15 09
"	17	Alexander Brothers, printing.....	37 00
"	20	Delilah Leaverton, expenses to Milwaukee and express	27 00
"	30	" " " printing and postal cards.....	3 00
Total expended third quarter.....			\$751 89

ASSETS.

Supplies on hand as per abstract.....	\$251 08
Cash on hand.....	212 19
Amount due from Corps.....	1 00
Total.....	\$464 27

LIABILITIES—None.

Considering the growth and prosperity of our order, I make the following recommendation.

In order that the duties of the office of Department Treasurer may be more systematically arranged, I would recommend that this Convention adopt such measures as it may deem efficient, requiring Corps to order supplies between the first and eighth of each month, thereby saving time and expense to both Corps and Department.

After one year we again meet to note the progress of our Order and the advance in the work of this grand organization.

And now, Mrs. President and Secretary, having tried to do my duty in the work assigned me, and thanking you and all for the kindness and love shown me, I respectfully submit this report.

ADA CARLTON,
Department Treasurer.

REPORT OF RELIEF FUND.

MISS MARTHA LINDSEY,

Department Secretary W. R. C.

I have the honor to submit the following report:

DR.

Amount on hand last report.....	\$11 76
Transferred from Department Treasury.....	50 00
Total.....	\$61 76

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Expended as per order for Mrs. Boles.....	\$10 00
Balance to new account.....	\$51 76

Respectfully submitted,

ADA CARLTON,
Department Treasurer.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

MORRIS, JAN. 13, 1890.

MISS MARTHA LINDSEY,

Department Secretary.

In compliance with Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to submit the Memorial Day report of 115 Corps, Department of Illinois, W. R. C., 1889.

Reports from eleven Corps were received after sending report, with summary, to National Chaplain. So it is somewhat enlarged.

Number of Corps reporting	-	-	-	-	-	115
Membership reported	-	-	-	-	-	4,474
Members taking part	-	-	-	-	-	2,525
Corps attending in a body	-	-	-	-	-	85
Expenses incurred	-	-	-	-	-	\$333.78
Memorial to Unknown Dead	-	-	-	-	-	78
Money sent to Richmond	-	-	-	-	-	\$87.50
“ “ “ Nashville	-	-	-	-	-	10.00
“ “ “ Quincy	-	-	-	-	-	11.00

At request of Department President I sent a summary of report to Dep't Chaplain G. A. R., Mr. Geo. W. Gue, Rock Island.

CORPS No. 1,—Rockford— Membership, 140. Memorial Day was well observed by this corps. A mammoth “Gates Ajar,” standing on stairs, and at the base these words—“Gone to their reward.” After speaking by Hon. F. A. Riddle an informal reception was held, followed by a lunch served to six hundred.

CORPS No. 2,—Henry—Membership 16. Decorated the graves, assisted by the girls strewing flowers and boys carrying flags. An excellent speech was delivered by Rev. J. H. Scott.

CORPS No. 3,—Elgin—Membership 82. The flowers arranged as a memorial to "Unknown Dead" were elaborate and beautiful. Three hundred children met the procession at a point of the march. After singing "Star Spangled Banner" and "America" they presented the bouquets for decorating the graves.

CORPS No. 4,—Dunham—Membership 55. Flowers were collected by school children. Made into wreaths by corps and strewn on graves by "Sons of Veterans." A monument to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 5,—Palestine—Membership 24. On account of rain services were held in the church. A monument ten feet high, to the Unknown Dead was decorated by the children. \$2.00 sent to Richmond. The corps attended Memorial services in a body.

CORPS No. 6,—Monmoth—Membership 85. The decorating of the soldiers graves was conducted this year by the Sons of Veterans with wreaths, flags and flowers over 93 graves. The other services were held in the opera house and the children services were the best we ever held.

CORPS No. 7,—Bloomington—Membership 124. All members took part; attended services in a body. School children assisted. Memorial prepared for Unknown Dead. Expenses incurred \$7.50.

CORPS No. 8,—Quincy—Membership 17,(colored). Corps attended memorial services in a body. Flowers contributed. Refreshments provided for Post. No facts suggested.

CORPS No. 9,—Canton—Membership 43. The W. C. T. U. gave every soldier a button hole bouquet. Corps assisted in decorating three other cemeteries. Sent \$5.00 to Richmond.

CORPS No. 10,—Aurora—Membership 75. Corps attended memorial services in a body. Flowers provided by contribution. Memorial to Unknown Dead. Expenses \$4.00.

CORPS No. 12,—Peoria—Membership 109. Attended memorial services in a body. Seven ladies served as decorating committee. Held memorial services to Unknown Dead with

mound and marble slab. Expenses \$30.00. Flowers purchased \$4.50. Sent \$5.00 to Richmond.

CORPS No. 15,—Pontiac—Membership 64. Those taking part twenty-five. Corps attended memorial services in a body. \$5.00 expended for flowers. Our new music hall was filled to listen to an eloquent address by Hon. George Torrance.

CORPS No. 16,—Morris—Membership 71. Corps No. 16 sent \$2.00 to Richmond. Although it rained Memorial Day was never better observed than this year. Committees from the Posts, Corps and Sons of Veterans visited three cemeteries, and then held services in the opera house where they were addressed by P. C. Hayes, with appropriate singing. Monument decorated to Unknown Dead. Memorial of flowers given by Corps and proceeds, (\$13.00) sent to Dep't Treasurer for the Home of Soldiers' Mothers and Widows and Army Nurses.

CORPS No. 17,—Springfield—Membership 88. The monument for Unknown Dead was handsomely decorated by the unmarried ladies of Corps No. 17. \$5.00 was sent to Richmond, and \$5.00 was sent to Quincy for Soldiers' Home.

CORPS No. 18,—Sycamore—Membership 27. Exercises held in opera house, where a fine program was carried out. Thirty soldiers' graves were each decorated with a basket of flowers. "May we all, old and young, ever cherish their memory."

CORPS No. 19,—Galva—Membership 24. Corps attended memorial services in a body. Flowers contributed. Monument decorated to Unknown Dead. Although cold and wet much interest was manifested.

CORPS No. 20,—Richfield—Membership 29. Corps prepared memorial to Unknown Dead. Flowers contributed. Owing to the cold rain, the exercises prepared by the children were omitted.

CORPS No. 21,—Farmer City—Membership 31. Attended memorial services in a body. Flowers contributed. A

beautiful memorial service to Unknown Dead. Expenses \$1.05.

CORPS No. 22,—Nunda—Membership 46. The corps held memorial services in the evening, and a fine program was rendered to a large audience. fifty cents sent to Richmond.

CORPS No. 23,—Chicago—Membership 39. A cross five feet high, decorated with evergreen and bunting, with flags draped in mourning, which the President dedicated to the Unknown Dead. After which ten ladies of the corps laid at the foot of the cross floral memorial for the dead. The chaplain then read the prayer. A very beautiful service.

CORPS No. 24,—Gibson City—Membership 74. Forty ladies took part in Memorial Day exercises. Flowers contributed. Expenses incurred \$1.84. No memorial to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 25,—Olney—Membership 38. Owing to the extremely bad weather Memorial Day was observed June 2nd. About 2500 people were present. Graves decorated by Post and Corps.

CORPS No. 26,—Lacon—Membership 30. Attended memorial services in a body. Six ladies served on decorating committee. Flowers contributed. Monument decorated to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 27,—Keithsburg—Membership 25. We held our exercises in the opera house. The people showed more than usual interest, seemingly every one turned out. Gave "Memorial of Flowers" with excellent speaking and music.

CORPS No. 30,—Roseville—Membership 23. All members took part in Memorial Day service. Flowers contributed. Expenses incurred \$8.41. Monument to Unknown Dead. No facts given.

CORPS No. 31,—Magnolia—Membership 28. The exercises consisted of recitations and reading by young ladies, music and a speaker. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the decorating was done by the G. A. R.

CORPS No. 32,—Augusta—Membership 18. A beautiful

monument to the Unknown Dead. There was a decided increase of interest this year. Eighty children took part. All seemed glad to honor our Nation's Heroes by their presence and gifts of flowers.

CORPS No. 33—Pecatonica—Membership 47. Oration in afternoon by Rev. Gallaher, of Rockford, with recitations and music, both vocal and instrumental. Exercises held in rink where 1200 people were assembled. Memorial services in the cemetery in the morning.

CORPS No. 34,—Maconb—Membership 42. Twenty-five members assisted Memorial Day. All attended services in a body. Sunday, May 26, services were held in opera house. Hall beautifully decorated and a floral chair on stage. May 30, the Post, Corps and S. of V. went to cemetery where a mound was prepared to Unknown Dead. Sent \$15.00 to Richmond.

CORPS No. 35,—Delavan—Membership 50. After decorating the monument to Unknown Dead, all went to Armory Hall, where speeches and singing were held. Sent fifty cents to Richmond.

CORPS No. 36,—Gardner—Membership 34. Corps attended memorial services in a body. Fifty children took part. Corps gave "Memorial of the Flowers" in the evening. Sent \$7.00 to Dep't Treasurer for Soldiers' Mothers and Widows and Army nurses' home.

CORPS No. 37,—Sumner—Membership 22. Decoration postponed until June 4th on account of rain, but the interest was not wet. Fully two thousand people attended. Expenses \$3.15.

CORPS No. 38,—Wauconda—Membership 28. Corps attended services in a body. All assisted on the decorating committee. Sixty children took part. The Post, Corps and S. of V. assisted in decorating soldiers' graves at Valo, also.

CORPS No. 39,—Shawneetown,—Membership 19. Corps attended service in a body. Forty-two children decorated monument to Unknown Dead. Owing to rain, the services were held in Court House.

CORPS No. 40,—Elmwood,—Membership 15. Corps attended services in a body. Seventy-two children taking part. Monument decorated to Unknown Dead. Attendance small an account of rain.

CORPS No. 41,—Albany,—Membership 28. Sixteen members took part in Memorial Day services. Expenses incurred \$2.85. Flowers contributed. Forty-three children gave "Memorial of the Flowers," proceeds \$15.50. Memorial to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 42,—Harrisburg,—Membership 32. Corps attended services in a body. Memorial services held in Court House. Committee sent to decorate graves on account of rain. Flowers contributed.

CORPS No. 43,—LeRoy,—Membership 38. There was a large crowd, notwithstanding the rain. The beautiful service "Memorial of the Flowers" was given over the graves by the children. The exercises were very impressive.

CORPS No. 44,—Freeport,—Membership 37. Eleven took part in memorial services. Flowers contributed. Monument decorated to Unknown Dead. No remarks suggested.

CORPS No. 45,—Sterling,—Membership 47. Memorial to Unknown Dead consisted of cross, nine and one-half feet high, covered with flowers, evergreens and flags. A stack of muskets on each side. Decorated 8 graves.

CORPS No. 46,—Ridge Farm,—Membership 23. Decoration postponed until 14th of June. Corps attended memorial services in a body. Flowers contributed.

CORPS No. 47,—Quincy,—Membership not given. Corps attended memorial services in a body. Seven ladies served on decorating committee. The "Flower Mission" provided button-hole bouquets for the Post. S. of V. planted flags and the Daughters of Veterans assisted in placing flowers.

CORPS No. 48,—Casey,—Membership 10. There was a very nice program arranged for the day but the unfavorable weather prevented it being carried out. Only the services

in the Hall carried through. The Post then decorated the graves in two cemeteries—thirty-one in number.

CORPS No. 49,—Hamilton,—Membership 30. Corps No. 49 were “up and doing.” All attended services and all served on the two committees. Each lady provided a basket of flowers arranged in bouquets. We marched to the cemetery under escort of Post and S. of V. At the entrance we presented each member of the Post, a basket and they proceeded to decorate the graves of their fallen comrades.

CORPS No. 50,—Oquawka,—Membership 48. Attended memorial services in a body. Forty-two children took part in “Memorial of Flowers” which was beautifully carried out under the direction of President. Monument decorated to Unknown Dead. Expenses \$9.25.

CORPS No. 52,—Marengo,—Membership 27. Corps attended services in a body. Eight ladies served on decorating committee. Monument to Unknown Dead. Expenses \$3.14. No remarks given.

CORPS No. 54,—Arcola,—Membership 20. A fine program was prepared but on account of severe storm had to be given up. A committee from the G. A. R. decorated the soldiers' graves.

CORPS No. 55,—Sparta,—Membership 29. On account of rain Memorial Day services were held in the church and the children's exercises had to be omitted.

CORPS No. 57,—Saybrook,—Membership 33. On account of inclement weather the Decoration Services were held for Unknown Dead in M. E. Church, where a mound was prepared and covered with flowers by forty-three children representing states.

CORPS No. 58,—Springfield,—Membership 22. Corps attended services in a body. \$3.20 was the expense incurred, flowers contributed. Although the weather was very inclement every grave was decorated.

CORPS No. 59,—Earlsville,—Membership 19. Eighteen ladies took part in services, and attended in a body. The

Post and Corps decorated the graves of forty four soldiers in five cemeteries of Earlsville and Harding, going to the latter place June 2nd, where floral offerings were prepared by the citizens.'

CORPS No. 60,—LaHarpe—Membership 35. A mound with a cross eight feet high trimmed with evergreens and flowers, was erected to Unknown Dead. Forty wreaths and bouquets were prepared for the soldiers' graves. The exercises were interesting and impressive. Oration by Rev. F. H. Cummings, of Geneseo, Illinois.

CORPS No. 62,—Washington—Membership 37. Whole corps attended memorial services and acted on decorating committee. Decorated monument to Unknown Dead. No remarks given.

CORPS No. 63,—Robinson—Membership 18. Decoration postponed until June 8th, and although it still rained the graves were decorated. Memorial prepared to Unknown Dead. Ten children took part.

CORPS No. 64,—Monticello—Membership 49. A cross of waterlilies was provided for Army Nurses and a floral sword for the Unknown Dead. Corps No. 64 is the banner Corps. It sent \$10.00 to Richmond, \$10.00 to Nashville and \$1.00 to Quincy.

CORPS No. 65,—Camp Point—Membership 54. 34 members took part in services Memorial Day. Corps attended in a body. A service was given by forty four-children, \$27.00 expenses. Flowers contributed.

CORPS No. 66,—Rockland—Membership 32. Corps attended services in a body. Ten children assisted. Monument decorated to Unknown Dead. No remarks given.

CORPS No. 67,—Metropolis—Membership 30, (colored) Attended services in a body. Provided refreshments to Post. Monument decorated to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 68,—Bushnell—Membership 30. Corps attended services in a body. Flowers contributed. Monument prepared to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 69,—Homer—Membership 21. All took part on Memorial Day. Corps attended in a body. Twenty-two children took part. Flowers contributed. Memory to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 70,—Carthage—Membership 40. Twenty-four children assisted on Memorial Day. After decorating twenty-six graves, an address was delivered by H. B. Waterman. Corps sent \$1 to Richmond.

CORPS No. 71,—Chebanse—Membership 70. On account of rainy day our programme could not be carried out. The corps prepared floral tributes for our soldiers, and also for Unknown Dead, and were taken to cemetery by Post. Services, with an address and appropriate singing, were held in hall.

CORPS No. 72,—Chrisman—Membership 14. Corps No. 72 had every preparation made for decoration but owing to the rain we were prevented from doing so. Expense \$3.98.

CORPS No. 73,—Brighton Park—Membership 38. Sent \$5 to Richmond and \$5 to Quincy. No other facts given.

CORPS No. 74,—DeWitt—Membership 19. The ladies of Jas. Hutchinson Corps presented the G. A. R. with a handsome flag. Fifty children took part. Corps attended in a body.

CORPS No. 75,—Danville—Membership 46. Corps sent \$5 to Richmond. A beautiful monument was prepared to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 77,—Coultersville—Membership 28. Sent \$1 to Richmond. Expenses incurred \$2.50. Flowers contributed and memorial prepared to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 78,—Beardstown—Membership 38. In the evening at the Opera House we had the honor of listening to Gov. Fifer, and also to State Senator McDonald. The school children assisted and the citizens showed much interest.

CORPS No. 80,—DeKalb—Membership 27. Corps attended services in a body. Forty-two children took part. The

citizens, Post and Corps worked together in harmony. Flowers contributed.

CORPS No. 81,—Chicago—Membership 61. Five dollars was sent to Richmond by this Corps. After taking part in G. A. R. exercises at Rose Hill cemetery the Corps and Post repaired to last resting place of nine comrades of Post, and one comrade's wife; we covered their graves with flowers. Expenses \$4.10.

CORPS No. 82,—East St. Louis—Membership 22. Nine members assisted Memorial Day and nine attended services. Flowers contributed and memorial prepared to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 83,—Genoa—Membership 36. Sixty-four children took part. Monument prepared to Unknown Dead. Expenses \$5.00.

CORPS No. 84,—Fulton—Membership 43. Forty-three children carried wreaths and flowers and decorated cross to Unknown Dead. Speaking with music was held in Opera House after which Posts and Corps visited Protestant and Catholic cemeteries—the G. A. R. decorating graves.

CORPS No. 85,—Barrington—Membership 39. Corps attended services in a body. Post and Corps gave literary entertainment in the evening assisted by the children.

CORPS No. 86,—Bone Gap—Membership 14. Entire corp took part in Memorial services and attended in a body. Monument prepared to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 88,—Cairo—Membership 50. On account of extremely bad weather only a committee decorated the graves of soldiers. In the evening both Post and Corps held appropriate services in the hall. The principal address was given by Attorney General Hunt, with music and refreshments.

CORPS No. 89,—Springfield—Membership 28. Seven took part in services. The weather was very inclement and services were held in G. A. R. hall. A committee decorated

graves. \$6 spent for flowers. Monument to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 90,—New Canton—Membership 26. Corps attended services in a body. Forty-three children gave the Memorial of Flowers. A monument to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 91,—Barry—Membership 48. The principal feature of the day was the decoration of a monument to the Unknown Dead with wreaths and flowers by forty-three little girls representing the states and District of Columbia. Corps attended services in a body. Refreshments were served.

CORPS No. 92,—Chicago—Membership 67. Corps furnished to Post one hundred and fifty bouquets and five wreaths to place on the graves of deceased comrades and members. Sent \$5 to Richmond.

CORPS No. 93,—Centralia—Membership 89. Corps attended services in body. Monument to Unknown Dead. Sent \$2 to Richmond.

CORPS No. 94,—Marseilles—Membership 85. Five ladies served as decorating committee. Refreshments provided for Post. Flowers contributed. A monument prepared to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 96,—Palmyra—Membership 24. Twenty took part on Memorial Day. Entire Corps served on Committee on decoration. Flowers contributed and mound prepared to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 97,—Prophetstown—Membership 43. Post and Corps united with Steadman Post and Corps, of Tampico, and attended services at that place. Eight girls decorated graves. Refreshments were served for all.

CORPS No. 99,—Kawancee—Membership 31. Corps attended services in a body and assisted on decorating committee. The exercises were held in Library Hall and an elegant address was given by the Hon. Geo. Bacon.

CORPS No. 100,—Clayton—Membership 40. All took part on Memorial Day and all attended services in a body.

Twenty-five children assisted.

CORPS No. 103,—Hillsboro—Membership 46. All took part on Memorial Day and all attended services in a body. Expense \$1.00.

CORPS No. 104,—Polo—Membership 29. Polo sent \$3.00 to Richmond. Whole Corps attended services in a body. Forty children took part. Flowers contributed.

CORPS No. 106,—Milledgeville—Membership 20. Corps attended services in a body. Thirty-five children took part. A monument was prepared to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 107,—Onarga—Membership 23. Corps prepared an extensive program but on account of rain the children could not take part. The Post decorated the soldiers' graves.

CORPS No. 108,—Chicago—Membership 58. Corps attended services in a body on four different occasions by invitation. Also had an address by Mrs. M. R. Elliot, member of Corps No. 108.

CORPS No. 109,—Jacksonville—Membership 33. Corps attended services in a body. Ten children took part. Exercises were held in Armory Hall. They consisted of an oration by A. T. Stone and singing by a double quartette. The procession then formed and marched to cemetery and decorated graves. The exercises throughout were beautifully appropriate and impressive.

CORPS No. 110,—Taylorville—Membership 40. Two hundred children took part in exercises. Corps attended in a body. Flowers contributed.

CORPS No. 111,—Rossville—Membership 22. Corps had a fine program prepared and a festival for the evening but had to give it up on account of rain. The graves of the fallen comrades were decorated.

CORPS No. 113,—Plano—Membership 37. Sent \$3 to Richmond. Attended services in a body. Monument to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 114,—Flora—Membership 32. Decorations

postponed until June 6. Attended services in a body.

CORPS No. 115,—Edinburg—Membership 19. Corps attended services in a body. Two ladies served on decorating committee. Monument prepared to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 116,—Streator—Membership 42. Thirty-six ladies took part in the services. The children could not take part on account of weather but our local friends turned out well with their money and flowers. Expenses \$50.05.

CORPS No. 117,—Waukeegan—Membership 42. Eighty bouquets were made by the ladies and young ladies of the Y. W. C. T. U. furnished button hole bouquets for the comrades and S. of V. The school children took part.

CORPS No. 118,—Lincoln—Membership 20. Corps sent \$1.00 to Richmond. A beautiful column was prepared and wound with evergreen and flowers, in memory of the Unknown Dead. Also comrades of Geo. W. Myers Post, who died within the past year were remembered. The services were very interesting.

CORPS No. 119,—Kankakee—Membership 30. Corps sent \$5.00 to Richmond. The program prepared was given up on account of storm. Decoration of graves was done by Post and S. of V.

CORPS No. 120,—Albion—Membership 28. Forty-two children were ready to take part, but the weather prevented. Prepared a large pillow for Army Nurses, and a large cross for Unknown Dead and sent ten pounds of flowers to Richmond.

CORPS No. 121,—Galesburg—Membership 30. Three hundred school children took part. Corps attended services in a body. Sent \$5.00 to Richmond.

CORPS No. 122,—Armington—Membership 39. Monument prepared for Unknown Dead. Flowers contributed. Eleven members took part in services.

CORPS No. 123,—Kirkland—Membership 20. Sixteen ladies took part in services. Monument to Unknown Dead. Ten children took part.

CORPS No. 125,—Paxton—Membership 36. Decoration postponed until June 8. Corps attended service in a body. Sixteen ladies served on decorating committee.

CORPS No. 126,—Buda—Membership 22. Corps attended services in a body. An epidemic in the city prevented the children taking part. Flowers contributed.

CORPS No. 127,—Eureka—Membership 25. The Corps assisted Post on Decoration Day. Fifty school children and S. of V. also assisted. Corps attended services in a body.

CORPS No. 128,—Tonica—Membership 27. Corps attended services in a body. Five ladies served on committee on decoration. Flowers contributed.

CORPS No. 129,—Pawnee—Membership 17. The rain prevented the programme being carried out. The cemetery being nine miles away.

CORPS No. 130,—Tampico—Membership 25. The entire Corps attended services in a body. Six little girls acted as flower girls. Refreshments for visiting Post and Corps.

CORPS No. 131,—Atlanta—Membership 29. Monument decorated to Unknown Dead. Flowers contributed. Expenses \$5.00. Corps attended Memorial Services in a body.

CORPS No. 132,—Oregon—Membership —. One hundred children assisted in the services. Corps attended services in a body. Flowers contributed.

CORPS No. 133,—Harvard—The entire Corps served on decorating committee, and attended services in a body. Six children decorated monument to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 134,—Bradford—Membership —. The Corps made arrangements for the erection and decorating of a monument in memory of our Unknown Dead. The plan was nicely carried out by twelve young men. Twenty-five young ladies carried flowers. Expenses \$2.50.

In closing my report I wish to thank Department President and Department Secretary, for prompt answers to inquiries, with patience and kindness shown. And to many

Corps Presidents and chaplains for bright and cheering words sent with report. May my successor find her work as pleasant.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY R. FLETCHER,

Department Chaplain.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., FEB. 20, 1890.

MRS. DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

Department President W. R. C., Palestine, Ill.

DEAR MADAM: I herewith submit my written report of the inspection of the Department of Illinois W. R. C. for the year beginning October, 1888, and ending October, 1889. My consolidated and tabulated report I sent to you soon after the close of the work.

When you so unexpectedly appointed me to this very important position of trust—The Department Inspector—my heart failed me, and I was almost inclined to decline the honor with gratitude to you for even thinking to repose so much confidence in me, but my thoughts recurred to some timely advice my former friend, Bishop Bissell, of Vermont, gave me, "Never seek a responsibility, but when one is placed upon you, think well before you decline to perform it," I accordingly accepted it, and at once began to prepare myself for its duties, so as to "perform them faithfully, on my honor as a woman."

I procured a large railroad map of Illinois, and conspicuously marked with red spots on it, the location of the various corps with which this Department is being net-worked. Then I planned the routes, so as not to unnecessarily fatigue the inspectors, and at the same time economize time and expense. Of course routes would have to intersect and in some cases be traversed, but this could not be avoided, and though these routes seemed to take some far from their city some of these could leave home easier than others and thus the relative expense be about the same.

I felt there were many corps which should be visited by the Department President, for especial encouragement, and,

as but little or no provision had been made for this to be done systematically, at another time of the year, I tried to give you as large a list to visit as possible, so as not to conflict with your arduous duties at Headquarters, for the position of Department President is by no means a sinecure.

It was deemed desirable that some central place and corps should be selected to inspect early, make it a school of instruction for uniform work by the assistants; you therefore selected Peoria, as the State Fair would be held there and reduced rates could be had, and further suggested that there be as few selected as would insure good work, to avoid expense. This was one of the hardest things I had to perform to make a selection of a few from so many I knew were capable, from my past experience as Department Secretary. I was obliged to cut down my list several times to bring it to the desired number.

The National Inspector had given her instructions in circulars Nos. "1" and "2;" and you, in General Orders "No. 7," set forth *our* duties, and those required of the corps and their presidents; it also confirmed the nomination of nine efficient ladies, who together with yourself and myself were to perform the duties of inspectors and instructors. Though this number seemed limited for the large number of Corps, I had confidence that if more were needed, I had only to call upon the Past Presidents or other officers, and they would cheerfully and promptly respond, *and they did*.

The 138 corps to be inspected were divided into eleven routes and assigned in Orders "No. 7," but we had to abandon, at the last moment, the school of instruction for the inspectors, as word came too late to make other arrangements in "No. 7," that it would be impossible for us to meet in Peoria for this purpose at that time, for Bryner Corps No. 12 had its hands full of other work, and the President would be absent from the city, and could not designate any day earlier than October 10th, when she and the corps would be glad to welcome us, but this date would be too late in the month;

you came to the rescue and requested your Dep't Counselor to meet us in Springfield and arrange to have Stephenson Corps No. 17 inspected at this time (Oct. 4th) and then we could confer as to our future course, which resulted in your starting out at once, also Mrs. Bradford, as assistant inspectors, and instructing the assistant inspectors along your routes, and I, to go directly to the others, so all could have a fair and early start, and work in harmony, and have uniform instruction. This was accomplished with good results.

The returns and reports were truly gratifying, showing an increased interest in the work as performed, and greater desire on the part of Corps officers and members to receive and profit by the instruction imparted. I was particularly gratified by the exhaustive and comprehensive remarks included in the returns of the assistants. Their work was well performed, and I feel the Dep't owes them a debt of gratitude never to be forgotten, for it was done for the love and the good of the order, many leaving their homes from two to six weeks to avoid extra expense.

Of the 138 Corps to be inspected, two had surrendered their charters after General Orders No. "7" had been promulgated, (in this connection I respectfully suggest recommendation No. 1). A third was about to surrender, and insisted that it would be of no use for the Inspector to come, as they were too feeble in numbers to even wish otherwise. The remaining 135 were visited and thoroughly instructed, and all but twelve inspected, these twelve from a lack of a quorum, either from receiving the notice in time, failure of President to call the Corps together, inclement weather or illness of officers or members, (hence recommendation No. 2.) were only instructed and *books* inspected, but not the work performed. In many cases this was very much to be regretted for the books showed good attendance usually, and much charity work performed, but the grade for the year's work entirely lost!

It was with regret we found so few officers with the Ritual *entirely* memorized; True, the short parts were to some extent, but almost any one can do this much, therefore those who had all the parts memorized should be particularly commended, and hereafter have an honorable mention. I am not unmindful that many officers are nervous and timid, and more so at this particular time, when they otherwise could and would commit the whole of their respective parts. I must mention one corps which had been organized but three months, and held only one meeting each month, and every officer had the whole of her respective part committed. This is the corps at Blue Island, No. 143. Although this was a bright exception, still my experience has been that those corps which prove feeble are those which meet only once in each month, the meetings being so distant that enthusiasm wanes, instruction passes from remembrance, and the time to legally admit new members too far distant — must be at least two months. I would therefore suggest recommendation No. 3.

It was found in several instances that corps had not recovered from insufficient instruction given at organization. The I. & I. officer had found it too inconvenient to be from home so long, consequently she had perfected the organization, installed the officers, *attempted* (only) the instruction and exemplification of the work during the time of going into the city and returning, the same day, often a session of less than *three hours*. This is unjust to the corps organized, and certainly to the Department, and the officer who does so is censurable, for, confidence is reposed in her, that she will perform her work well and thoroughly. We all know that, no matter how well up in the work an officer may be, often she does not grasp the easiest parts not enough to last them till the next meeting. Why, only think how much the newly elected officers of a corps, who have perhaps witnessed the work for years, feel they have to learn, and with what trepidation they enter upon their new duties hence I offer recommendation No. 4.

There were some corps where books had not all been opened, the officers hardly knowing the use of them, also other blanks and papers in corps work, and I take pleasure in asserting here without fear of contradiction, that *no Corps* has been slighted or neglected, all were served alike, no partiality shown. Many officers will no doubt be surprised, that they do not find their corps work marked "excellent," but National Inspector, through her instructions, was very explicit on this point, that "no corps should be marked excellent unless all the officers memorized all their respective parts," therefore when an assistant expressed her commendation of a corps, but had to admit that all was not memorized, or it was so nearly so she thought them entitled to be marked "excellent;" still she was obliged to obey orders on her word of honor as a woman and mark them accordingly. If this best of marks is desired the officers should one and all combine to receive it.

Mrs. President, I make no excuses for doing my duty. I could have done comparatively nothing without the cheerful and active co-operation of the Assistant Inspectors. They did their work faithfully and well, many of them were absent from their homes (as before stated) continuously from two to six weeks, in all kinds of weather, much of it very inclement, and I truly thank and praise them for their valuable assistance.

I make no comparison with previous years, let the work through its report speak for itself. Of course the larger the Department, the greater must be the expense, and as I approved the bills, I felt that the *gain* was on the side of the Department, and the loss, if there was any, was in the wear and tear of the Inspectors.

The courtesies extended to us everywhere, were numerous and varied, and the only sorrow that was exhibited, was when there was not time enough given to Corps to carry out a pre-arranged pleasant scheme of entertainment, by recep-

tion or otherwise, but my invariable answer was, "thank you for your kind wishes, but this is a season more of work than play," still I would not say aught which would deepen sociability amongst us.

Almost every where we found the comrades waiting to do us honor, and they often knocked for admittance during inspection, to welcome and encourage us in our pleasant work with many words of kindness showing how much they appreciated "their only Auxiliary." Let us ever be to them a help, that this dear sentence shall never be regretted or reconsidered.

Recommendation of Department Inspector.

- No. 1. That no Corps be permitted to surrender its charter during the period of inspection.
- No. 2. That this seventh Department Convention pass a *Resolution* to send to the next National Convention asking that the R. and R. be amended in conformity with those of the Grand Army, making a business quorum five (5) for Corps numbering 50 or under; those over that the same as before.
- No. 3. That Corps be encouraged to meet oftner than once a month.
- No. 4. That the I. & I. officers be required to fully organize the Corps until its officers hold one full meeting when the Ritual shall be entirely exemplified and open all books, explain all blanks and papers, before returning home.

Recapitulation.

Number of Corps in Department.....	138
" " " fully inspected.....	126
" " " partly inspected—no quorum.....	6
" " " surrendered after Gen'l Order No. 7....	2
" " " suspended but visited.....	1

Number of Corps graded Excellent.....	6	
“ “ “ “ Almost.....	9	
“ “ “ “ Very good.....	9	
“ “ “ “ Good.....	53	
“ “ “ “ Fair	35	
“ “ “ “ Poor.....	14	126

Number of Corps inspected with statistics 132.

Number of members in good standing Sept. 30, 1889, 4580.

Average attendance of officers, 7.14

“ “ “ members and officers, 15.42

Amount of money in Relief fund Sept. 30, 1889.....\$3458 14

Amount of money expended from Oct. 1888 to 1889..... 2869 18

Amount expended other than money from Oct. 1888 to 1889... 1260 09

And now, Mrs. President, in surrendering my office and submitting my Report of Inspection I desire to thank you for your wise counsels to me, your cheerful encouragement to me and above all your almost angelic forbearance to me during my recent bereavement and illness, even though your work must have been crippled by my inability to perform duties otherwise encumbrent on me early upon assuming your official duties as Department President, you never by word or deed caused me pain, but on the contrary, you helped me bear my sorrow.

To those who helped me in our inspecting, although they were not among the chosen few, I heartily thank them for their willingness and readiness to respond when called upon to serve. These were

Mrs. Clara Harral.....	Corps No. 16
“ J. Thompson Taylor.....	“ “ 78
“ Mary Davisson.....	“ “ 7
“ Mary McAnley.....	“ “ 25
“ Carrie F. Becker	“ “ 3
“ C. Mell Hurt.....	“ “ 91
Miss Jennie Bross.....	“ “ 16

I am proud of the various corps and their membership, for in it I find a determination to advance in the good work of the Order. Its charity is constantly increasing, and let not loyalty nor fraternity fall one whit behind. Patriotism and loyalty are fast becoming household words. Let us so

practice Fraternity—true fraternity—that it shall be a fire-side virtue.

The woman who truly loves her God, will love her country; she will even preach its principles; more than this, she will love her fellow beings, and not only teach and preach, but practice the virtue of Fraternity.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND,

Department Inspector, W. R. C.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR.

AUGUSTA, ILL., FEB. 8 1890.

MISS MARTHA LINDSEY,

Department Secretary.

DEAR MADAM: In compliance with Rules and Regulations, I herewith submit through you to the Department Convention my report for the year.

The duties of my office have not been arduous, and our official relations have been of the most pleasant character, as with one interest we have labored for the advancement of our loved Order.

It was with pleasure I held myself in readiness to comply promptly with all requirements made by our Department President and by a careful study of all W. R. C. law, our views have, so far as I know, coincided upon cases referred.

Knowing the weight of anxiety resting upon the Department President because of the serious and continued illness of her soldier husband; it has been my constant aim to alleviate her care in every possible way, and when she was summoned home by telegram in consequence of a severe and sudden attack, thus rendering it necessary for her to cancel some of her appointments for Inspection, I cheerfully consented to the request of the Department Inspector, and filled the appointments to the best of my ability, regretting only, that being so widely separated it was beyond my power in other ways to do more to lighten her burdens.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

SARAH M. BRADFORD,

Department Counselor.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT I. & I. OFFICER.

CAIRO, ILL., FEB. 12, 1890.

MRS. D. A. LEAVERTON,

Department President.

In compliance with Rules and Regulations it becomes my duty and pleasure to submit to you and through you to the members of Womans Relief Corps Department of Illinois, my report of the work of this office for the year 1889:

Number of Corps when I entered upon the duties of office were 126. There have been instituted during the year 22 new Corps, indications pointing to further gratifying increase in many quarters, in the very near future. The roster of the Grand Army of the Republic of which our beloved order is an auxiliary shows 600 posts in Department of Ill. while our order has but 150. This is not as it should be. When I entered upon the duties of my office I placed myself in direct correspondence with Post Commanders in places without Corps, pointing out the benefits of the W. R. C. as Auxiliaries. I hope for beneficial results and respectfully recommend to my successor to follow up this mode of procedure, and push on with our work until every G. A. R. Post in the state is represented in our order.

Of the 148 Corps in this Department I have received reports, election returns and Installation of officers of 100. 48 failing to make any report to me. Of the 100. Corps reports received 40 report public installation, 12 joint with Post and S. of V., remainder private. I follow the footsteps of my predecessor in office and earnestly recommend that all Corps as far as possible make installation *the* social event of the year. Join with G. A. R. and S. of V., invite the friends and old veterans, sing the good old war songs, pass around the hard tack, pork and beans and coffee. Many of our Corps report these jolly good times and I recommend you to

emulate their good example. For the many good letters which accompanied these reports I return sincere thanks.

To the Executive Officers of the Department I desire to return my thanks for the many kindnesses shown me during my term of office, and wishing our beloved order all the prosperity possible, its members all the blessings of this life,

I am yours in F. C. & L.,

SARAH E. HANNON,

Department I. & I. Officer.

TABULATED REPORT OF INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 1890.

Name of Corps.	No.	Location.	Date.	Remarks.	Installing Officer.
G. L. Nevins.....	1	Rockford	Jan. 7	Public	Mrs. Mary E. Van Alstine.....
Lookout Mountain	2	Henry	" 4	Public, G. A. R.	" Bennie F. Townsend.....
Veteran.....	3	Elgin	" 7	Public	" Angie C. Beebe.....
Dunham.....	4	Decatur	" 13	Public	" Sallie J. Steele.....
Alfred Harrison.....	5	Palestine	" 13	Public G. A. R. S. of V.	" D. A. Leaverton.....
McClanahan.....	6	Monmouth	" 7	Public	" Annie Kneen.....
Woman's Relief Corps	7	Bloomington	" 13	Public	" Dora Myers.....
Col. Shaw.....	8	Quincy	.....	No Report	No Report.....
Joe Hooker.....	9	Canton	.....	No Report	" Rebecca Lewis.....
Aurora.....	10	Aurora	.....	"	No Report.....
J. F. French.....	11	Princeville	.....	"	" Marian A. Mann.....
Beyner.....	12	Peoria	Jan 4	Public G. A. R. S. of V.	No Report.....
Chillicothe.....	13	Chillicothe	.....	No Report	No Report.....
John Brown.....	14	Chicago	.....	"	" Eliza Lawrence.....
T. Lyle Dickey.....	15	Pontiac	Jan. 7	"	Miss Jennie Bross.....
Darveau.....	16	Morris	" 16	"	Mrs. Lida Oldroyd.....
Stephenson.....	17	Springfield	" 7	Public, G. A. R.	" W. F. Peters.....
Potter.....	18	Sycamore	" 21	"	E. E. Fitch, P. P. C.....
Galva.....	19	Galva	" 3	" G. A. R.	No Report.....
Phillips.....	20	Litchfield	" 12	"	L. Ludington, P. P. C.....
Leman.....	21	Farmer City	" 13	Public, G. A. R.	W. Butler, P. P. C.....
Nunda.....	22	Nunda	" 14	"	No Report.....
J. A. Mulligan.....	23	Chicago	No	Report	" M. A. Damon.....
Lott.....	24	Gibson City	Jan. 2	"	No Report.....
Eli Bowyer.....	25	Olney	.....	"	No Report.....
Lacon.....	26	Lacon	.....	"	E. F. Porter, P. P. C.....
Isaac McManus.....	27	Keithsburg	Jan. 20	Private	" L. E. Clendenin.....
Graham.....	28	Moline	" 6	" G. A. R.	"

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS—Continued.

Name of Corps.	No.	Location.	Date.	Remarks.	Installing Officer.
A C Harding.....	29	Roseville.....	Jan 16	.....	No Report.....
Jas A Garfield.....	30	Magnolia.....	.....	.....	Mrs Elizabeth Talbot.....
Union.....	31	Augusta.....	Jan 27	Private.....	No Report.....
Ellis.....	32	Pecatonica.....	"	Joint G A R Public.....	Sarah M Bradford.....
McDonough.....	33	Macomb.....	"	13 Private.....	Mate A Knowlton.....
Delavan.....	34	Delavan.....	"	9 Private.....	Catherine Lemmer.....
Sedgewick.....	35	Gardner.....	"	9.....	Carrie A Briggs.....
W. R. C.....	36	Sumner.....	"	28.....	Louis Germain, P. P. C.....
Wauconda.....	37	Wauconda.....	"	20.....	Mrs Belle May.....
M K Lawler.....	38	Shawneetown.....	"	4.....	Warren E Powers, P. P. C.....
Pan McCook.....	39	Elmwood.....	"	18 Public G A R.....	J F Nolan, P. P. C.....
Capt A F Knight.....	40	Albany.....	.....	.....	Sam I A Hooper, P. P. C.....
George Newell.....	41	Harrisburg.....	Jan 28	Public.....	No Report.....
Thos Riddle.....	42	Leroy.....	"	28 Private.....	K N Tickett.....
Jno A Davis.....	43	Freeport.....	"	Private.....	Nellie King.....
Will C Robinson.....	44	Sterling.....	Jan 4	Private.....	Carrie B Taylor.....
Chas A Clark.....	45	Ridgefarm.....	Feb 5	Private.....	Phoebe A Mann.....
John Wood.....	46	Quincy.....	"	16.....	Lydia B Pierce.....
Monroe.....	47	Casey.....	.....	.....	Laura E Dustin.....
Russell.....	48	Hamilton.....	.....	.....	No Report.....
Ellsworth.....	49	Oquawka.....	Jan 7	.....	No Report.....
John Hittle.....	50	Mackinaw.....	.....	Public.....	Jane Watson.....
Harley Wayne.....	51	Marengo.....	Jan 17	.....	No Report.....
A C Phillips.....	52	Bellaire.....	"	.....	A J Deitz, P. P. C.....
S N Sanders.....	53	Arcola.....	Jan 20	Private.....	A W Parsons, P. P. C.....
Sparta.....	54	Sparta.....	"	16 Private.....	P E Collins.....
J A Maltby.....	55	Morseville.....	.....	.....	J T Clendennin, P. P. C.....
	56				No Report.....

Mc Pherson.....	57	Saybrook.....	Jan 15	Private.....	"	Letsy Hurley.....
Jno A Bross.....	58	Springfield.....	"	24 Private.....	"	Ester Woods.....
McCullough.....	59	Earlsville.....	"	31 Private.....	"	Ida Tillman.....
Geddes.....	60	LaHarpe.....				No Report.....
Cooling.....	61	Byron.....				No Report.....
Bogardus.....	62	Washington.....	Jan 15	Public.....		Jas Berney, P P C.....
Henry Longenecker.....	63	Robinson.....	Jan 20	Public.....		No Report.....
Franklin.....	64	Monticello.....	"	11 Public.....		Mrs Inez J Bender.....
J P Lasly.....	65	Camp Point.....	"	9 Public.....		Richard Seaton, P P C.....
John Buford.....	66	Rock Island.....	"			Thos Campbell, P P C.....
Henry Cobb.....	67	Metropolis.....	Jan 11			Chas Tinsley, P P C.....
Carter Van Vleck.....	68	Bushnell.....				Ida Duntley.....
Homer.....	69	Homer.....				No Report.....
Alexander Simpson.....	70	Carthage.....	Jan 16	Public.....		Sarah M Bradford.....
Jaquith.....	71	Chebause.....	"	10 Public.....		Amanda Watson.....
James Adams.....	72	Cherry Point.....	Jan 22	Private.....		No Report.....
Silas Casey.....	73	Brighton Park.....	"	21 Public.....		Emma Van Horn.....
James Hutchinson.....	74	Bewitt.....				J F Harold P P C.....
Wash Alexander.....	75	Betheny.....	Jan 16			No Report.....
Kenesaw.....	76	Danville.....	"	7 Private.....		W R Jewell, P P C.....
Coutersville.....	77	Coutersville.....	"	10.....		Lon J East.....
McLane.....	78	Beardstown.....				Julia Hare.....
Z S Clifford.....	79	Equality.....				No Report.....
Merit Simons.....	80	DeKalb.....	Jan 30	Public.....		D W Tysrell, P P C.....
Godfrey Weitzel.....	81	Chicago.....	"	7 Private.....		Minnie M Kyle.....
McDowell.....	82	East St. Louis.....				No Report.....
Resaca.....	83	Genoa.....				No Report.....
Robert Hale.....	84	Fulton.....				No Report.....
Barrington.....	85	Barrington.....	Feb 6			E R Clark, P P C.....
Bone Gap.....	86	Bone Gap.....				No Report.....
Briskell.....	87	Paris.....	Feb 28	Private.....		Z T Baum, P P C.....
Warren Stewart.....	88	Cairo.....	Jan 1	Public G A R & Sov.....		S E Hannon.....
Mendall.....	89	Springfield.....	"	15.....		Jno C Bell, P P C.....
Amos Mowery.....	90	New Canton.....	"	17 Public.....		C Mcll Hurt.....

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS—Continued.

Name of Corps.	No.	Location.	Date.	Remarks.	Installing Officer.
John McTucker	91	Barry	Jan 21	.....	C Moll Hurt
Farragut	92	Chicago	" 7	Public G A R	Mrs Minnie M Kyle
W H L Wallace	93	Centralia	" 13	Public	P P C, S G Burdick
Joseph Woodruff	94	Marseilles	" 9	.....	Miss Jennie Bross
J P Foster	95	Cairo .....	.....	Private	N B Thistlewood, P P C
Loomis	96	DuQuoin	Jan 20	Public	" Mary A McBride
J A Parrott	97	Prophetstown	" 22	.....	B S Angell, P P C
O P Courtwright	98	Blandinsville .....	.....	.....	No Report
Julius A Pratt	99	Kewanee	Jan 7	Private	A Murchison
R K McCoy	100	Clayton	" 4	.....	W H Harlinson
Sidell	101	Sidell .....	.....	.....	No Report
Thos Markes	102	Hutsonville .....	.....	.....	No Report
F D Hubbell	103	Hillsboro	Jan 5	Public	Mrs Inez J Bender
Polo	104	Polo .....	.....	.....	No Report
P B Archer	105	Marshall .....	.....	.....	No Report
George Knider	106	Milledgeville .....	.....	.....	L M Spaulding
W A Babcock	107	Onarga .....	.....	.....	No Report
Abraham Lincoln	108	Chicago	Jan 2	Public	Mary S Ballinger
Mat Start	109	Jacksonville	" 11	"	Josephine P Cleveland
F M Long	110	Taylorville	" 14	.....	Emma Kitzmiller
Major Lee	111	Rossville .....	.....	.....	No Report
Trimber	112	Glassford .....	.....	.....	No Report
Plano	113	Plano	Jan 13	.....	Mrs Lizzie Hubbard
Alexander	114	Flora	" 31	.....	Jas S Martin, D C
Mother Beckerlyke	115	Edinburg .....	.....	Private	" Orinda Halford
Streator	116	Streator	Jan 4	.....	" Argie Hall
Waukegan	117	Waukegan	" 7	.....	B F Flagg
Loe W Myers	118	Lincoln	" 16	Private	" Grace A Beach

Whippie	119	Kankakee .....	.....	.....	No Report.
Albion	120	Albion .....	.....	.....	H J Straun, P P C.
Jas J Shields	121	Galesburg .....	.....	.....	No Report.
Altoona	122	Armington	Jan 4	.....	T H Hieronymus.
T W Humphrey	123	Kirkland .....	.....	.....	No Report.
.....	124	.....	.....	.....	No Report.
Paxton	125	Paxton	Jan 20	.....	Mrs Marilla Ward.
Emery	126	Buda	" 7	.....	" Lottie P Milehrst.
Dan Mills	127	Eureka .....	.....	.....	No Report.
Tonica	128	Tonica .....	.....	.....	Chas Miller.
A F Weber	129	Pawnee	Jan 2	Public	Miss Josephine P Cleveland.
Samuel G Steadman	130	Tampico	" 24	.....	J G Reeves, P P C.
Atlanta	131	Atlanta	" 28	.....	Mrs Addie Long.
Oregon	132	Oregon	" 14	Joint public.	Jno Matmiller.
J B Manzer	133	Harvard	" 13	.....	C W Outbank.
Dickerson	134	Bradford	" 9	Public	D Munger.
John Hunter	135	Minier	" 15	Joint public.	John F Beale.
Geo G Meade	136	Englewood	" 16	.....	" Mary S Ballinger.
Ellery	137	Edwards Co. ....	.....	.....	No Report.
.....	138	.....	.....	.....	No Report.
Martin R Delaney	139	Chicago	Jan 7	Public	Charlotte E Newburn.
Martin R Delaney	140	Port Byron	" 25	Private	John McAuley P P C.
Eugene Layford	141	Chicago	" 10	Public	Charlotte E Newburn.
James A Mulligan	142	Chicago .....	.....	.....	No Report.
E N Kirk	143	Peru	Jan 4	Public	Annie L Locke.
Blue Island	144	Blue Island	" 9	.....	Charlotte E Newburn.
Dwight	145	Dwight	" 21	Private	" Mary Eldred.
Yates	146	Efingham	Dec 31	.....	No Report.
James Haynes	147	Raymond	Jan	Private	Emma Kitzmiller.
Thomas Layton	148	Lewiston	Dec 31	.....	No Report.
Mound City .....	.....	Mound City	Jan 2	Private	Alice Taylor.

The following committees were appointed:

ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Mrs. Mary Whitney.....	Chicago.
" Mary E. McCauley.....	Olney.
" Mary Davisson.....	Bloomington.
" Vesta Cadwallader	Lincoln.
" Mattie Yost.....	Cairo.

ON RESOLUTIONS.

Miss Josephine P. Cleveland.....	Springfield.
Mrs. Fannie M. Mallory.	
" Sue J. Thompson.....	Bradford.
" Mesia Tateman.....	Monticello.
" Jennie G. Harrison.....	Sterling.

The Committee on Credentials which was appointed in General Order No. 10, comprised the following ladies:

Miss Martha Lindsey,	Mrs. Lizzie Hubbard,
Mrs. Ella Cobean,	

Mrs. Cobean being absent, the President appointed Mrs. Minnie Kyle to fill the vacancy.

Motion by Mrs. Bradley, to adjourn until 1:30 was seconded and carried.

FIRST DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention called to order at 1:30 P. M. Mrs. Leaverton Department President in the chair.

Mrs. Finlay and Mrs. Follensbee were appointed to assist in taking the password.

Motion by Mrs. Bradford, seconded by Mrs. Howison, that to-day's minutes be left for reading and approval until Thursday. Carried.

The report of Credential Committee was called for. It not being ready, an extension of time was asked.

Motion by Mrs. Howison and seconded, that Credential Committee be allowed all the time they need. Carried.

Greetings were read as follows:

MARCH 12, 1890

DELILAH LEAVERTON,

Dep't President, and Convention Woman's Relief Corps:
Unto us a child is born. Welcome Department of Texas.

SARAH A. C. PLUMMER.

MARCH 12, 1890.

DELILAH LEAVERTON,

Department President, and Convention Woman's Relief Corps:

Greeting of love and fraternity.

Missouri and Michigan to Illinois.

HENRIETTA STIESMIER,

CHRISTINE B. SCOTT,

SARAH A. C. PLUMMER.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., MARCH 12, 1890.

Woman's Relief Corps Convention:

Fraternal greetings from Indiana Convention now in session. and God speed your noble work.

JENNIE MEYERHOFF, Dep't President.

EMPORIA, KANSAS, MARCH 9, 1890.

MRS. DELILAH LEAVERTON,

Department President, Illinois W. R. C., and Sisters:

Kansas sends greetings to Convention assembled, and extends congratulations in the vast amount of work accomplished during the year just closing.

May peace and harmony prevail and your Convention prove a success.

We remember with pleasure the faces of Mesdames Pitkin, Bradley, Sanders, Gale, and your own, while at Nat'l Convention at Milwaukee.

I thank you sincerely for the General Orders Received.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

BELLE C. HARRIS,

Past Dep't Pres. of Kansas.

Moved by Mrs. Bradford that a Committee be appointed to answer these communications. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Harral and Mrs. Hannon were appointed.

A letter from Mrs. Lippencott, Matron of the Hospital at Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Quincy, Illinois, and her report of donations from corps to the Hospital were read as follows:

Hospital, Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home.

Quincy, Ill., Feb., 1890.

MRS. DELILAH LEAVERTON,

Dep't President, W. R. C., Palestine, Illinois.

DEAR MADAM:—I have the honor to submit to you the inclosed report of contributions from the different Relief Corps of the State during the year.

Before I received from you the Roster of the corps, I had great difficulty in keeping track of the articles donated, as ladies often sent articles with no note or anything to show me where they came from. Also when not sent to the Hospital, or to my care, the boxes were opened either at Headquarters or the Quarter-Master's Department and I thus lose the address. So I put it down in my book "Received so much from W. R. Corps."

Some corps have done so much for us and I feel so grateful to all. I am very anxious to render full thanks to every

one and have promptly acknowledged and receipted for each package as it came.

Hereafter should it become my duty and pleasure to communicate with the Relief Corps as I have the past year, I promise to show a clearer and fuller report.

Those of you who visit this Hospital during the Encampment in March, I will take pleasure in showing the many finger marks of your love and sympathy for our suffering "Defenders;" and I think you will be convinced that your labors of love have not been in vain.

I will send you by this mail as near an itemized account of the donations as it is possible for me to do with my limited time, that you may see for yourself what each corps has nobly done.

I wish through you to thank the ladies for their cheerful and prompt answers to my call for rocking chairs. I assure you these chairs are of great use and comfort, and highly appreciated by these Sufferers. I wish to say to you that Monticello W. R. C. No. 64, sent a large, lovely upholstered chair too nice for Hospital use which the ladies kindly allowed me to sell, the proceeds of which, with money sent by Galva, Earlville and Du Quoin for chairs, I purchased a wheel chair for crippled invalids and it is marked with the name of these four Corps on it. This I did with the consent of these different corps and hope it meets your approval.

The money sent for Decoration day, I turned over to our Superintendent and Florist for flowers which decorated the graves of the Heroes in the beautiful cemetery belonging to this Home.

Hoping that my hurried report will be satisfactory; and has not been so tardy as to inconvenience you, I beg leave to close.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

E. W. LIPPINCOTT,

Matron Hospital,

S. & S. Home.

P. S.—My Book of accounts will be free for inspection

and I hope the Delegates will look over it and if not correct, please say so.

E. W. L.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Quincy, Ill.

MRS. DELILAH LEAVERTON; Palestine, Ill.,

Department President W. R. C., Ill.

DEAR MADAM:—I have the honor to submit to you the following condensed report of articles contributed by Relief Corps beginning Feb. 20. 1889 and ending Feb. 20, 1890:

41 High backed rocking chairs.	7 Pair pillow slips.
50 Headrests.	1 Coarse comb.
50 Cushions.	3 Boxes bandages and many rolls.
1 Footrest.	46 Quarts canned fruit
1 Hassock.	20 Glasses jelly.
9 Comfortables.	3 Bottles pickles.
74 Quilts.	1 Box sardines.
53 White cotton night shirts.	1 Peck apples.
14 Gray flannel night shirts.	1 Dozen oranges.
13 White flannel night shirts.	2 Dozen lemons.
12 Pair felt slippers.	1 package nuts.
18 Pair socks for swollen feet.	3 Large fruit cakes.
8 Dozen handkerchiefs.	1 Basket fresh peaches.
9 Rugs and 5 strips of carpet.	1 Basket fresh plums.
20 Prs paptaloons for the sick.	1 Basket fresh pears.
12 Towels.	2 Boxes grapes.
2 Eight foot flags.	1 White blanket.
1 Pair pillows.	6 Sheets.
Books, bibles and papers too numerous to mention; also pincushions, needle books and button-bags which you will find on my itemized account. Very respectfully yours in F. C. & L.	

E. W. LIPPINCOTT, Matron.

Motion by Mrs. Bradford, seconded by Miss Cleveland, and carried, that the report be accepted and a vote of thanks be tendered Mrs. Lippencott.

Moved by Mrs. Sine, seconded by Mrs. Pitkin and others that Greetings be sent to G. A. R. Encampment now in session. *Carried.*

Moved by Mrs. N. R. Manahan, of Elgin, and seconded, that a committee be appointed by the President to draft greetings to be sent to G. A. R. Encampment.

Mrs. Bradford moved to amend by adding that the Committee be instructed to take the greetings. The Amendment was seconded and carried.

Motion as amended. *Carried.*

Two handsome bouquets from John Wood Corps No. 47 of Quincy, were presented, one each to the National and Department Presidents.

The Dep't President thanked the corps in a few appropriate remarks, (Nat'l President being absent) saying she accepted the flowers more as a tribute to our Order than as personal compliments.

The President appointed Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Mallory and Mrs. Williams as a Committee to draft and carry greetings to the Twenty-Fourth Department Encampment G. A. R.

Mrs. Flo Miller, appointed to visit Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Normal, made the following excellent report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO VISIT SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME, AT NORMAL, ILL.

MONTICELLO, ILL., Feb. 23, 1890.

MISS MARTHA LINDSEY,

Secretary Department Ill., W. R. C.

In obedience to instructions, from Department President, I herewith present to you, and through you, to the Seventh Annual Convention, my report as committee to visit the Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Normal. I went there knowing there *was* such a Home, and who was Superintendent, further than that I knew but little. Realizing that many others are as ignorant as I was, I shall enter more minutely into my description than I should otherwise do. Unannounced and alone, I climbed the front steps and rang the bell, and as its echoes rang through the halls, my thoughts kept pace with them, wondering what I should see how be received, and many other things, which were soon interrupted by a gentleman advancing toward me. I was welcomed kindly, and making myself known, was told I was addressing Dr. DeMotte. Here stood before me the man who held in his hand the treatment of over three hundred of our defender's legacies, I was shown into the Parlor and on making known the object of my visit, was told "I am glad to see you; am sorry Mrs. DeMotte is not here, however make yourself at home, see every thing you wish, ask all the questions you wish, and I will be satisfied with the result." La-

dies, I felt then, and what I afterwards found to be true, there is nothing here to be covered. The bell ringing the Dr. arose and admitted a gentleman and two small boys, one appearing about three, the other seven or eight years of age—new boys brought there by their father. Do you understand that in making application for admission to the Home the applicant must swear there is no one able to support these children? This man claimed to be unable, but I thought then and since, a man seemingly as strong as he, who could walk the mile out to the Home and back again with as little exertion could certainly have done for his children awhile longer; but it is not for me to judge. While I was there ten children were admitted. In the dormitories I found everything spotless and speckless; the floors neatly painted and clean. The rooms, most of them, were overcrowded, having twelve and thirteen beds in them. But when all remodeling is completed, a great deal of this overcrowding will be done away with, as it is the intention of the Superintendent to have only six to eight beds in a room. The ventilation is the same over the entire building, attained by ventilators in every room. The beds consist of bed-steads, springs, wool and hair mattress, sheets, warm blankets, spread and pillows. They are made up every morning by some of the larger girls detailed for the purpose, each floor being under the supervision of an employee. The third and fourth floors of the original building will be used for dormitories exclusively, when all changes are made. Here is the old chapel; the organ had been removed to the new one, and a number of the seats had been taken out; but upon the walls still remained their mottoes in evergreen letters. Beaming from its place on the wall, "With Malice towards none, with Charity for all," was the face of him who so truthfully said "the debt we can never pay is that we owe our soldiers who won for us the day." Who would *dare* harbor a thought against these children in the presence of the immortal Lincoln. From here I went into the new chapel—a room so bright and cheerful, a person would almost unvoluntarily exclaim, "Peace on earth, good will towards men." This room has

a seating capacity of five hundred. In the front of the room is the pipe organ which is presided over by Mrs. DeMotte. Sabbath School is held every Sabbath morning at nine o'clock; afternoon services are held at half past two. These meetings depend largely on the conductor as they usually depend on the city clergy or Sabbath-School workers to take charge. But in case of storms, bad weather, &c, outside help is unavailable, Dr. DeMotte himself conducts it. Leaving here, I looked into "Mother's" room, into the new rooms intended for employees, saw the refrigerators, two rooms for fresh meats and milk. As I looked at the large cans of milk I wondered what in the world they did with it; but when I was afterwards told it required ninety gallons of milk a day to supply them, I ceased my wonderings. The children drink milk morning and night with water at noon.

The kitchen has all the conveniences—range, steam cookers, roasters, &c.; and everywhere the same cleanliness.

Next is the laundry. This is under the supervision of a colored man and his wife, who were found busy at their duties. Over this room is the ironing room. Eleven of the larger girls were engaged in ironing, instructed by an employee who has exclusive control of this department. I asked one of the smallest girls how old she was and was answered, "eleven." When I told her she was ironing her white apron better than I could do she seemed very much pleased but nevertheless seemed to regard me with a great deal of pity. From here the bakery was visited and found to be under the control of a first-class baker. The baking had been completed and the bread and cakes were out cooling. Great tables of graham and wheat bread, made in long loaves of three pounds to a loaf. It requires one hundred loaves or three hundred pounds of bread a day. Just to smell the gingerbread made me hungry, and on tasting it, found it tasted as well as it smelled.

Next was the boys' play hall. This is their new room, intended for rainy days, morning and evening play house. It

is much larger than their old hall, lighter and brighter, but as the boys were on the play ground when it was visited every thing was silent. In the boys' bath room were fine bath tubs for their use. In their wash room, around two sides of the room, was their washing stands, one continuous sink. They do not use basins but wash with the spray, thro' these faucets the water sprinkles, warm and nice being a mixture of hot and cold water. Next is the boys' sewing room—a room where is kept and mended all the boys' clothing. Two women were mending and patching, while five girls were busy darning socks. Each boy is given a number: and arranged along the side of the wall were boxes into which is placed the clothing of the boy whose number is on the box. These suits are not made at the Home, but by contract by outside parties. The first thing a new boy must do when he enters this institution is to take a bath, or if he is too small to do so for himself, an employee attends to him, and he then dons the uniform, blue suits with brass buttons. The girls are treated the same, and their uniform consists in winter of a plaid flannel dress and blue checked gingham aprons. I asked why they all wore the same kind of aprons, and was told it does not make the new girls so conspicuous and they sooner become accustomed to the crowd of children. In the girls' play hall were found the younger children at play. In one corner were two little ones, playing tea party; little dishes on a little table, happy as could be. Some were playing one thing, some another; singing, laughing, having a happy, happy time. On Dr. DeMotte making his appearance, they ran to him clustering around him all talking, and loving him, and he looking so kindly on them that the scriptural injunction flashed thro' my mind, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven." One little bright eyed girl of five years, looking up so fearlessly, appealed particularly to my mother love, as she recalled my own six year old darling at home. I asked her name; she said, "Hattie Pearl Stewart." I then asked if she would not like to go home with me, she said she would but she "didn't want to leave the Doc.

tor." The girls' sewing room has three seamstresses and one who cuts every thing. Here were also five girls darning stockings and one girl was sewing by hand. In here I learned that in addition to the underwear furnished each girl on her departure from the Home at the age of fourteen, they were given the privilege of making up bleached muslins, if they desired, and would do it by hand. This little girl was just finishing her last piece and was to leave in a week or ten days. All the girls' clothing is made in the Home. There are bath rooms, wash and dressing rooms for the girls similar to the boys. I had the good fortune to see the children at their meals. At the tap of the bell they marched into the dining room, single file and orderly. The discipline is strict in this respect as is necessary with nearly four hundred children. Each child knew his own place and quietly occupied it. Where a new child appeared, its place was quickly assigned it by the employee who has the dining room in charge. Two little tables stood at the end of the room surrounded by twelve little red chairs, and as the little ones, some wee ones not long past two or three years, came toddling in, I felt like taking them in my arms. Truly, "their lines have fallen in pleasant places." One little one was too small to sit at the table and was placed in its high chair and fed by its Home "Mamma." There is no limit as to the age of the child on admission but they prefer not receiving them until they are able to walk, although a letter was received in regard to a little babe but two months old. The library has recently been enlarged and is now one of the handsomest rooms in the building. The legislature at its last session gave five hundred dollars per annum for the library. There are several hundred volumes in the cases and all *good* literature. Besides these, on one table were their periodicals. The Century, Harper's Chautauquan, Babyland, &c., sixteen in all. On the other table were the papers, Chicago papers, Bloomington dailies, Union Signal—in fact everything to educate the children, keep apace with the times and elevate them to a higher manhood and womanhood. This is also in

Mrs. DeMotte's charge. I missed one paper I thought surely would be here,—*our* paper, the "National Vidett." Has it been an oversight on the part of our Corps? It shall not be another year I promise you.

The three higher grades in the school are allowed to come here every evening and read until half after eight or nine o'clock. The younger children retiring at half past six and seven, and all rising at half past five next morning. During the day the wee ones go to their room and take a sleep. There is a night watchman employed to guard from dangers. In the nursery, or the sleeping room of the babies, the nurse sleeps with the children. At short distances are buckets of water and hand grenades to guard against fire. A few rods away stands the school building, in which are employed seven teachers under the Superintendency of Dr. DeMotte. No one is allowed to inflict corporal punishment except the Dr. himself and then only in extreme cases and as a last resort. There is a hospital presided over by a physician and nurse. All their gas is manufactured on the place. The children have large play grounds separte. Indeed they are kept seperated all the time excepting during school time. Sleeping rooms apart, different mothers, etc. In watching the children at play, laughing, singing, skipping around, one could not help seeing contentment reigned supreme. The older children of both sexes are given some portion of work to do, usually divided into groups of five or six; these details are changed every six weeks, thus keeping hands busy and out of mischief. Some make beds, darn stockings and wash dishes; the boys wait at table; boys and girls clear off the tables; one boy acts as mail carrier, etc., but this is all done outside of school hours. While I was there a little child was brought, hardly past two years of age, brought by a man well and warmly clothed. The child had no clothing excepting a thin undershirt, a faded calico dress, and worn out shoes and stockings. Ladies, do you wonder I turned cold with indignation? Poor parent rest in peace "wrapped in your coverlets of clay", Illinois will watch and guard your darlings for what you have done for her. A boy nine

years of age came bringing his card of admission, all alone. Think of that, you mothers! This child's father had been a soldier but answered the roll in the heavenly camp, his mother had married again, and this poor lad had been told by him who should have truly taken his father's place, unless he was admitted into the Home by Thursday he would be compelled to leave anyway. Where would he go? No door was open to receive him, except the Alms-house. God forbid such a fate! As long as there stands such an institution as the Home, as long as there exists such an organization as the Woman's Relief Corps, not a single orphan of our country's defenders should be allowed to become a county charge. Ladies, I will not relate more, as it is needless, but any one being there, seeing case after case cannot express their thankfulness that there is such a refuge for them. The Corps throughout the State have kindly remembered these orphans. At Christmas times they sent boxes of toys, candies, fruits and money, all of which were thankfully received by the Supt. The donations of both toys and money were greater in '88 than in '89, but on account of time will not itemize the Corps and donations, but in the name of the children thank them one and all. In regard to the future, just before the holidays the children all write a letter to Santa Claus, naming two things they would like for Christmas; one of these, if it is possible, is given them. Now remember to prepare presents for three hundred and sixty or three hundred and seventy-five children requires days and weeks of work, wrapping and marking. If you are thinking of sending toys, books, etc., send so they will reach the Home the first week in December, as that will insure them reaching there before the purchasing has been done. If candies, nuts, etc., are sent, they are used any time whether at holiday time or not, as the children are given such treats often. Fruits, as apples, boxes of oranges, etc., are very acceptable at any time and are highly appreciated. Don't send cooked nicknacks for by time they reach the Home they are strong and unfit for use. All moneys sent are put in what is called the amusement fund. This is drawn on at any time

during the year to buy games, such as foot balls, croquets, grace hoops, in fact anything for the enjoyment of the children. In my opinion this is the wiser plan to adopt in showing our love. Everything that is needed and wanted is supplied by the State. Every comfort and necessity is kindly and lovingly administered by those in charge. Then it remains for us as individuals and as an organization to cherish in our hearts, the memories of those loved ones, remembering that altho' we may not be called upon to minister to them while at the Home, there will still remain much for us to do after they leave its shelter and are thrown on the world. Let us do for them whatsoever our hands find to do, remembering the promise that "whosoever giveth a cup of water to one of these little ones giveth also to me." Now in closing, I remember a story read long ago of a man admitted into the portals of heaven by the performance of an act of kindness towards a helpless child. If deeds of kindness, loving thoughts and cheerful "God bless you's" will exalt to a kingly station God's nobleman H. C. DeMotte to-day stands an "uncrowned king." We owe him a debt of gratitude we can never repay for his kindness and care towards these children. Let us teach our children to love our country's defenders and their orphans. This is our duty.

"Nations forget!

We womanly Corps, our hearts rent and sore,

Will rear our youth in loyal brave truth,

That we will *dare* say—yes here and to-day,

Our country shall *not* let them die.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

FLO MILLER,

Aide Dep't Pres.

Mrs. Howison moved that the report be accepted and placed in Dep't Proceedings. Seconded by Mrs. Sue A. Sanders and carried.

Motion by Mrs. Moody, seconded and carried, that a rising vote of thanks be tendered Mrs. Miller for her report.

The following report of the Committee on greetings to the different states was read by Mrs. Sanders, chairman.

QUINCY, ILL., MARCH 12, 1890.

SARAH A. C. PLUMMER, Litchfield, Ill.

May God bless the Department of the Lone Star.

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON.

QUINCY, ILL., MARCH 12, 1890.

HENRIETTA STEISMIER, St. Louis, Mo.

Illinois joins Missouri for continued devotion to our loyal work.

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON.

QUINCY, ILL., MARCH 12, 1890.

JENNIE MYERHOFF, Indianapolis, Ind.

Accept most affectionate response to timely greetings. Success attend you.

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON.

QUINCY, ILL., MARCH 12, 1890.

BELLE C. HARRIS, Emporia, Kansas.

Sisterly greetings enthuse us all to earnest work.

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

MRS. SUE A. SANDERS, }
MRS. CLARA W. HARRAL, } Committee.
MRS. SARAH E. HANNON. }

Motion by Miss Cleveland, seconded by Mrs. Artemesia Hall that the report be accepted and sent immediately. Carried.

Mrs. Mary A. Bradley, of Decatur, Delegate-at-Large to Seventh National Convention, read her report as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the Seventh Annual Convention, Dep't of Ill., W. R. C. Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic:

At our last convention you saw fit in the kindness of your hearts, to elect me delegate to the Seventh National Convention, W. R. C. which convened in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Aug. 28, 29, and 30, 1889, and of which I now submit to you the following Report. Previous to time of Convention the Illinois delegation, through Dep't President, Mrs. Leaverton, had secured comfortable quarters convenient to Convention place, and upon my arrival in Milwaukee on the afternoon of Aug. 27, I proceeded to the residence of Mrs. Paine where I found the most of the delegates from Illinois very nicely sit-

uated, indeed.

Soon after supper, our party set out for High School Hall registered at Illinois Headquarters, where a largely attended reception was being held by the ladies of the Department of Wisconsin. Banks of choice flowers, gay bunting and beautiful banners and mottoes greeted the eyes on every side. It was a scene never to be forgotten.

Addresses of welcome were made by Commander Chase, of E. B. Wolcott Post, by Col. Burchard on behalf of the Governor, who had not been able to reach the hall because the crowds in the streets were so great that his carriage could not proceed, by the Mayor of the city and others. Mrs. Forbes, one of Milwaukee's sweetest singers, sang several delightful solos. The Rev. Tilsworth made a brief address, in which he referred to the biblical text "And the greatest of these is *Charity*" saying the eyes of Omnipotence might have glanced down through the centuries to the present time and fixed its gaze on the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps—Charity Rusk Craig. Mrs. Craig responded for the W. R. C. Mrs. Annie Whittenmeyer being called for made a short address, relating war experiences. Music by "The Old Guard," and song "Tenting to-night" closed the exercises. The reception committee remained on the stage to extend the hand of welcome to all visitors. After the reception we visited the refreshment rooms where ices were daintily served to all guests.

Wednesday Aug. 28 the Convention was called to order in Immanuel Church, a most magnificent edifice, by Dep't. President, of Ohio. Prayer by Mrs. Annie Whittenmeyer, singing, opening ode with accompaniment on the mammoth church organ. The first session was an open one, and there were addresses of Welcome by Governor Hoard and Mayor Brown. The latter was introduced by Mrs. Craig who said that "as the Gov. had given us the state, perhaps the Mayor would throw in the city."

Mrs. Gen. Logan and Miss Clara Barton were present, occupying seats upon the platform. Miss Barton being introduced gave a short account of her work at Johnstown and

assured the members of the convention that the committee in charge of funds were using them wisely.

Mrs. Logan made a few remarks, said she was not accustomed to speaking in public, having left all that to one who had known how, so well. Mrs. Logan was much moved, and spoke in a low tone of voice, but every sound was hushed, and every ear strained to catch her words.

Gen. Consigry, with escort, appeared and presented the Convention with a gavel made from a portion of a table on which Gen. Grant worked, in a tannery at Galena. The report of the National President was then received. It was a very able one and fully reviewed the work of the past year. An adjournment was then taken for lunch, which was spread in the church parlors, and furnished by the Ladies of the Department of Wisconsin.

Handsome lunch souvenirs were distributed at the noon hour, also the delegates badges to which were attached a bronze design of the new "recognition pin," adopted by the National Council.

The Wisconsin ladies were most lavish with their hospitalities, serving the most elegant lunches; consisting of all the delicacies of the season during each day of the Convention to all delegates in attendance.

During the noon recess, the church was divided into sections by the placing of beautiful banners surrounded by silk flags. Each banner contained the name of a state, and designated the seats to be occupied by each delegation. At the close of the Convention the banners were presented to the different states as Souvenirs.

The first business in the afternoon was the report of Committee on credentials; after which business was suspended to receive a committee of five comrades bearing greetings from the National Encampment, G. A. R. Comrade Evans, chairman, said he came to bring greetings from 110,000 loyal comrade's hearts. Said he could not express, if he tried, the language of Commander-in-Chief Warner, when he ap-

pointed that committee to carry those greetings: Said they realizd that every dollar spent by the Woman's Relief Corps was a dollar saved to the G. A. R.

One of the comrades said everybody knew that a woman could make a dollar go farther—and faster—than any man in the world,

Each comrade took for his text the "tiny babe then only three weeks old, of our National President, and although not present in convention she was the subject of all addresses, the theme upon which all dilated, and was, without a doubt, the belle of the Convention. Poetry was addressed to her, gifts lavished upon her, names selected for her and finally she was adopted by every lady present.

Junior V. Commander in Chief Allen, of Richmond, Va., said he came from a section of country where love of loyalty did not thrive, but that once a year he had the blessed privilege of looking into the faces of loyal men and women. Said they could not have a relief corps in Richmond, on account of the disloyalty of the women there. Comrade Allen tendered a resolution of thanks from Phil. Kearney Post, of Richmond, to the W. R. C. for generous contributions of funds to establish a memorial fund for soldiers sleeping on southern battle fields. Massachusetts had headed the list by sending the largest sum. Illinois was fifth.

Over \$1600 had been contributed for this purpose during the past year and \$1600 had been invested in bonds, which would be left on interest until a sufficient amount had accumulated to build a Memorial Hall

Senior Vice President Mrs. Lynch then presented her report which contained a full record of the receipts and expenditures of monies contributed for relief of Johnstown sufferers. Said of one Corps there which consisted of 104 members 80 were drowned, and the remainder lost all their possessions.

Said the saddest W. R. C. meeting she ever attended was the first regular meeting of the Johnstown Corps, after the deluge. Hardly a member left but had been bereaved and the young treasurer was the only one left from a family of

ten.

Telegrams of congratulation from absentees were then received. One reading, "May peace fill your hearts, and wisdom your councils." One dated, Dundee, Scotland, read, "Greetings all."—signed Kate B. Sherwood,

Communication then received saying, "The next National convention will be held in Boston, in 1890." Much applause by Massachusetts delegation, who immediately extended an invitation to all members of the W. R. C. to come, assuring all the freedom of the state, and the delegation from Rhode Island seconded the invitation, throwing in their state to be used as bedrooms

A letter was then read from "Sister Paulina" in which he said, "There is no reason why the Woman's Relief Corps should not live after all the old soldiers were dead, that they should turn their faces to the future, that they were strong enough now, not only to work for the soldier but for humanity."

Thursday morning. The first business of importance was the report of committee on Pensions and relief. Assistant secretary read partial report, supplemented by reports of Miss Gertie Rogers and Mrs. Sue Sanders. Miss Sanders gave some interesting facts concerning generous offers of ground and buildings to be used for a National Home for Army Nurses. Later a committee was appointed to visit the different sites proposed and report as to their desirability.

On motion, an authorized list of army nurses was ordered published.

Mrs. Cheney reported the presentation of a silver service to past Nat'l. Pres. Mrs. Hampton, as a testimonial, provided for by 6th Nat'l. Convention. Thursday—p. m. Motion to allow Mrs. Turner, Nat'l. Treasurer, to use her judgment in destroying all obsolete papers, reports, &c., but amended to prevent the destruction of any matter not two years old.

Communication received in regard to a "national flower," recommending red and white clover, instead of golden rod,

but no action taken by Convention.

Proceeded to election of Officers.

Tellers, Mrs. Sine, Illinois, Mrs. Clark, Ohio, and Mrs. Littlefield.

During count of ballot for President Mrs. Craig informed the Convention that the "official recognition pins" could be obtained through the National Treasurer only—spoke of the necessity of having only one source of obtaining them, so that none could obtain them who were not entitled to them.

Remarks made as to size of convention, and regrets expressed that a greater number were not in attendance, after which a motion was carried changing the basis of representation from one delegate for every 800 members to one for every 600 members—so that this year Illinois will have several additional delegates to National Convention.

Mrs. Plummer, Michigan, moved that the Convention adopt the "Baby" and name it Winfred Rusk Craig, so that its initials would be W. R. C. Thursday evening we witnessed the great naval battle, in which the U. S. naval steamer "Michigan" and several other large vessels formed an attacking fleet and opened fire upon Milwaukee—They were represented by the land forces defending the city—comprising twenty large field pieces, and several companies of infantry. The ammunition and shells were prepared especially for the occasion and while being a grand picture of warfare, was at the same time a most brilliant display of fireworks. The sham battle was so great a success that I understand Milwaukee will make it an annual exhibition. The lake shore was formed into one vast amphitheatre, and seats were reserved for all G. A. R. delegates and members of the W. R. C. Convention. Friday morning we assembled in High School Hall to witness the exemplification of the ritual by Wolcott Corps of Milwaukee. The work was most beautifully rendered—and fully memorized with the exception of one or two officers pro tem. Mrs. Caroline Bell, Department President of Wisconsin filled the President's chair. Mrs. Craig remarked that as convention was not in session

questions would be answered, but that notes be taken and questions would be answered after Convention was called to order.

At the afternoon session much discussion was had concerning the method of balloting—motion made and lost to return to old system of balloting, and after much debate, decided to retain present system until next National Convention.

Lady from Colorado—on behalf of members of the Convention presented an elegant silver service consisting of pap bowl, creamer, tray, knife and fork, to Nat'l. President for "Baby Craig." Mrs. Craig made a graceful acknowledgement, and assured the ladies that the gift should be carefully preserved for the baby. Report of Council meetings held at Columbus and Milwaukee were then read.

Chairman of Committee on resolutions presented report.

On the two resolutions past at our last Department Convention and forwarded to National Headquarters in due time the following action was taken.

In regard to doing away with the exemplification of ritual at Dep't Conventions, no action was taken by the National Convention as the decision was that each Department had the privilege of deciding that question for itself.

Resolution approved in regard to returning again to the use of Credential cards for delegates. Ohio presented the same resolution and theirs was the one acted upon.

Clara Barton was present most of the afternoon and made a short speech welcoming the delegates to Boston in 1890—said "Good Bye," was saluted by the Convention, and escorted to her carriage. Motion carried to present a suitable testimonial to the outgoing National President. Committee on appeals reported and recommended that in the case of Celestia D. Messenger, a committee of three unprejudiced persons be appointed by the incoming National President to investigate the case and report to the National Council—report adopted.

The committee on revision of ritual was granted further time. Copies of revised ritual to be printed and submitted to the several departments for examination previous to next National Convention.

Evening session convened in High School Hall. Several reports of committees received, but so much noise and confusion that no satisfactory results could be obtained. The doors were then thrown open G. A. R. visitors admitted, and Mrs. Emma Stark Hampton proceeded to install the officers elected during the afternoon. Mrs. Annie Whittenmeyer, at one time a member of W. R. C. No. 4, of Decatur, having been elected National President appointed Mrs. Abby Lynch Nat'l Secretary and Mrs. C. R. Craig, Nat'l Counselor. She then made a few characteristic remarks and then Convention adjourned at 12 o'clock to meet in Boston in the summer of 1890.

The delegates from Illinois were very faithful in attendance at the convention. Nearly all present at every session and attending strictly to business.

RECOMMENDATION.

The size of the delegations seems to be the object sought for by most departments, and much respect is shown the delegations consisting of the largest number. In view of this fact and in view also of the fact that Illinois is situated at considerable distance from Massachusetts making the trip to next Nat'l Convention an expensive one to delegates, I would most respectfully make the following recommendation:

That instead of paying the expenses of one delegate at large, the sum of \$100.00 be set apart by this department Convention to be equally divided among all the representatives of this department, who are in attendance upon the 8th National Convention.

In this way I believe we can secure a full representation of delegates from Illinois, and obtain the consideration and respect to which our state is justly entitled—and I earnestly hope that the delegates from Illinois may go to Boston uni-

ted in their efforts to secure wise legislation, and in a position to not only ask, but obtain their share of the honors of the Convention.

MARY A. BRADLEY,

Delegate at Large.

Moved by Mrs. Stadden and seconded by Mrs. Bender that the report be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT:—Ladies, tickets for the G. A. R. Campfire have been sent from the Encampment, and are on the Secretary's desk for distribution to Members of the W. R. C.

Moved by Mrs. Eva Smith, seconded by Miss Cleveland, that a vote of thanks be given the G. A. R. for tickets to the Campfire. Carried.

The report of the committee to draft Greetings to G. A. R. was read by the Chairman, Mrs. Bradford, as follows:

To the Department of Illinois Grand Army of the Republic in session in their Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment:

From your Auxiliary, the Department of Illinois Woman's Relief Corps, in annual Convention assembled, Greeting.

We, your aids, honored in our alliance with you, tender to you our warmest congratulations upon the occasion of your Twenty-fourth annual assembling together.

As your most devoted admirers, we hail your tried patriotism; as your earnest assistants in work for the surviving defenders of the republic, and as your co-patriots, we join you in rejoicing in the continued life, health and usefulness of this body of heroes. In truest endeavor for a continuance of the prosperity and peace which your bravery has bought at the price of blood and suffering and death, and in the pledge again renewed, as high as Heaven and as deep as our woman's hearts, of fidelity to our redeemed country and our glorious flag. You left us, you marched away with loyal hearts, your uniform bright and new. You came back with lusterless eagle buttons, your army blue faded and battle stained. You left many behind but you brought back with you an experience you would not be

without; but when you came back, not a star was missing from our dear old flag. Forty and two stars are ours—you gave them to us.

Though many a wife or mother might grieve
O'er a missing foot or an empty sleeve,
Our Country was worth saving.

Oh friends! Oh soldiers! Oh comrades true!
We bow our heart of hearts to you.

SARAH M. BRADFORD, }
A. E. C. WILLIAMS, } Committee.
FANNIE M. MALLORY. }

Moved by Mrs. Bender and seconded that the report be accepted and the committee sent immediately.

Mrs. Pitkin moved to amend by adding, "to Department Encampment G. A. R. and return in carriage." The amendment was seconded and carried.

Motion as amended. Carried.

PRESIDENT:—Ladies, you know that before a Department W. R. C. can be organized, there must be five Corps in the state auxiliary to the G. A. R. Hence, numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are charter corps. It was my privilege to become a charter member of a charter corps (No. 5) of this department, and I felt that I, and that you all, would like to have before you at our Department Conventions the authority under which we work, therefore, I had the Department of Illinois W. R. C. charter framed.

When this Department was organized, of course we had no money in our treasury, so the members of the charter corps were assessed seven cents each to buy the Charter which hangs before you.

Motion by Mrs. Mary M. Whitney seconded by Lorraine J. Pitkin, that thanks be extended our President for framing the Charter.

Mrs. Stadden, S. V. P., stated the motion which was carried.

Mrs. Bender here took the opportunity to state that the

picture of Mrs. Holbrook, (who organized this Department) presented to this Department two years ago by Mrs. Leaverton, was the work of her (Mrs. Leaverton's) own hand.

Mrs. Ives then read the following:

Mrs. Helen Ives, of Bloomington, Corps No. 7, presents the following to the ladies of the W. R. C. Convention, Department of Illinois:

Mr. L. C. Young, of Macon, Ga., informed me that for the last two years he has attended Memorial Services at Andersonville. This cemetery covers over forty acres, and there are more than seventeen thousand graves of Union soldiers who died of starvation in that prison pen. The great number of graves makes it impossible to have floral decorations and consequently they are not decorated. But the Post of Macon, consisting of thirteen members, and a large delegation of colored men, yearly hold Memorial Service on the 30th of May. He asked me to bring it before our Order to see if the corps would not donate small flags to place upon the graves, as the Post of Macon is not financially able to purchase flags. I respectfully ask each Corps President or Chairman of delegation present to bring this matter before their respective Corps. I would recommend that the donation consist of flags. I feel that this will appeal to the heart of every woman present.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

HELEN IVES-

Motion by N. R. Manahan, of Elgin, seconded by Martha Bean, that the representative of each Corps should present to her own Corps the need of an appropriation before next Memorial day, to decorate with flags the graves of seventeen thousand Union Soldiers at Andersonville. Carried. Mrs. Agnes Moody, of No. 14, said, "I am glad to hear what the lady said about our people. That shows the faithfulness of our people. They were the best friends the Yankees had down South.

"In every war that has been fought in this country, colored men lost their lives. C. Attucks struck the first blow for

American Independence. There were Five Thousand colored soldiers in the Revolutionary War, and Two Hundred Thousand in the late Civil War."

Mrs. Flo Miller of Corps No. 64 asked for aid in decorating the Soldiers' graves in Stone River Cemetery Tennessee.

Mrs. Sine made the motion seconded by Mrs. Howison that twenty-five dollars be drawn from Department Treasury and sent to Sheridan Post No. 67, Tennessee, for decorating the graves at Stone River. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Stadden, seconded by Miss Cleveland, that each lady when rising to speak give her name and the number of her corps. Carried.

Mrs. Bradford Chairman of the Committee sent to G. A. R. Headquarters, said they were heartily received and that the Comrades would be glad to come and give their thanks in person.

The Guard announced a Committee from the Twenty-Fourth Encampment, G. A. R.

Motion by Mrs. Pitkin that all business be suspended to receive the Comrades. Seconded and carried.

The President appointed Madames Sine, Stadden, Harral, Pitkins and the conductors to escort the comrades in (convention rising.)

Comrades Clements, Harlan Fullerton, Funk, Sexton and Langley composed the G. A. R. Convention.

Each were presented to the Dep't President, who gave them a hearty welcome in behalf of the Seventh Dep't Convention Ill., W. R. C. They were escorted to the platform and the salute of the Order given by Committee.

Comrade Clements introduced Comrade Fullerton who talked for a short time. The Dep't President presented Past Dep't Commander Sexton who made a short speech and was followed by Comrade Ed. Harlan who sang "It's gwine back to Dixie." The President next introduced Comrade Funk, and after him comrade Langley, whose speech was a tribute to the W. R. C. Committee who had visited them. He expressed a hope that the time would come

when the W. R. C. might sit in Convention with the G. A. R. Comrade Clements praised the W. R. C. for its work of charity.

By request of Mrs. Pitkin, Mrs. Moody of Chicago recited a comic poem for the entertainment of Comrades and ladies.

Motion by Mrs. Sanders, seconded by Mrs. Kyle that a W. R. C. Delegate's badge be presented each of the comrades. Carried.

One of the comrades having said that he did not know the object of the Woman's Relief Corps, the President stated our Objects, and after thanking the visitors for their words of encouragement and assuring them that the Woman's Relief Corps would never forget the boys who wore the blue, the badges were presented and the Comrades retired amid the sweet strains of music. The Convention standing as they passed out.

Motion by Mrs. Haskett of Corps No. 81, seconded by Mrs. Howison of No. 108, that Mrs. Miller's report be sent to the Inter-Ocean and National Vidette for publication, and that a copy be sent Dr. DeMotte of the Orphans' Home.

Mrs. Bradley, of Corps No. 4, moved to amend by adding "Quincy papers and any others that will print it free." The amendment was seconded and carried.

Motion as amended. Carried.

The Report of Committee on Credentials was read.

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

President Department of Illinois, W. R. C.

Your Committee on Credentials report as follows:

No. of Dep't Officers including Executive Board entitled to vote.	14
“ “ “ “ present.....	14
“ “ Corps Presidents present.....	51
“ “ Past Corps Presidents present ...	36
“ “ elected Delegates present.....	86
Whole number of Delegates entitled to seats.....	464
“ “ present	187

MARTHA LINDSEY, }
LIZZIE HUBBARD. } Committee.
MINNIE M. KYLE. }

Motion by Mrs. Howison to accept the Credential Committee's Report. Seconded and carried.

Motion by Mrs. Harral of Corps No. 10, that the Convention adjourn till Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Seconded and carried.

SECOND DAY.—FORENOON.

THURSDAY MARCH 13, 1890.

The Convention was called to order promptly at 9. o'clock.

Opening exercises consisted of Prayer by Chaplain and the "Opening Ode."

The password was taken by the Conductors assisted by Mrs. Mem and Mrs. Slocum.

Mrs. Messenger was found without the password.

The President then asked Mrs. Messenger if she had any one to vouch for her. Mrs. Messenger replied that she had not.

She was then asked by President if she had joined a corps since No. 23 disbanded. Her reply was that she had not. The President then made this statement:

"You all understand that when a corps disbands, its records are sent to Department Headquarters.

If "members of disbanded corps who are in good standing at the time of such dissolution" apply for Transfer Cards, it is the duty of the Department Secretary to issue the same.

Mrs. Messenger applied to Dep't President for a Transfer.

The records of No. 23 being in the hands of Dep't Secretary, the books were carefully examined and Mrs. Messenger was found to be in arrears for dues and dropped from the Roll. Hence, no card could be given.

You have all heard the report of the Committee appointed by Sixth Dep't Convention in this case promulgated in General Orders No. 4.

Mrs. Messenger appealed to Seventh National Convention through the "Committee on Appeals."

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the Na-

tional President appoint a committee of three to investigate the case of Mrs. Messenger and report to National Council. This recommendation was adopted by the Seventh National Convention, thus taking the case out of this Department.

By request of Nat'l President, I sent to Mrs. Lowd, Chairman of Committee, the standing of Mrs. Messenger as shown by the books of Corps No. 23."

Mrs. Sine moved that the business concerning Mrs. Messenger be set aside until the arrival of the National President, and in the meantime the lady retire.

Seconded by Mrs. Eldred, of Gardner, and carried.

Mrs. Messenger was requested to retire, which she did, and the business of Convention was continued.

The reading of the Minutes of Wednesday's session was begun by the Secretary.

Mrs. Annie Wittenmeyer, National President, and Mrs. Governor Fifer were announced.

Motion by Mrs. Sanders, seconded by Mrs. Howison, and carried, that business be suspended and the ladies escorted into the Convention.

The conductors retired and returned with the visitors who were greeted with music and applause. Mrs. Leaverton welcomed them in behalf of the Department. They were escorted to the platform, introduced to the Convention and the salute of the Order given by Convention.

Not wishing to interrupt the business of the session, Mrs. Wittenmeyer declined to speak but promised to address the ladies at a more convenient time.

The reading of the minutes was continued.

Moved by Miss Cleveland and seconded by several that the chairman of committee give their "Greetings to G. A. R." to the secretary in writing so as to have them inserted in the minutes. Carried.

Mrs. Leaverton stated that according to the decision of Fifth Department Convention, the election of officers should

begin on the second day of convention at 10 o'clock a. m.; that the time had now arrived, and if there were no objections, the Convention would proceed to elect officers for the coming year.

Mrs. Sanders moved to postpone the election until 3 o'clock p. m. Seconded by Mrs. Howison.

Mrs. Simpson moved to amend by striking out the words "at 3 o'clock p. m." and inserting the word "now." Seconded by several and carried.

The motion as amended. Carried.

Mrs. Mem and Mrs. Fanny Piggott were appointed as Guards at the side entrances.

Mrs. Flo Miller, Mrs. Clara W. Harral and Mrs. Julia G. Sine were appointed tellers.

The Roll of Convention was called by secretary.

ROLL OF DEPARTMENT CONVENTION,

Department President.....	*Delilah A. Leaverton, Palestine.
Department Senior Vice Pres....	*Mary J. Stadden, Springfield.
Department Junior Vice Pres....	*Laura E. Distin, Quincy.
Department Secretary.....	*Martha Lindsey, Palestine.
Department Treasurer.....	*Ada Carlton, Bloomington.
Department Chaplain.....	*Mary R. Fletcher, Morris.
Department Inspector.....	*Josephine P. Cleveland, Springfield.
Department Counselor.....	*Sarah M. Bradford, Augusta.
Department I. & I. Officer.....	*Sarah E. Hannon, Cairo.

MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

*Mrs. Sue A. Sanders.....	Delavan.
*Mrs. Sarah Freeman.....	Palestine.
*Mrs. Marilla Ward.....	Gibson City.
*Mrs. Julia G. Sine.....	Rockford.
*Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin.....	1471 Fulton St. Chicago.

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS.

*Mrs. Julia G. Sine.....	Rockford.
*Mrs. Clara W. Harral.....	Aurora.
*Mrs. Sue A. Sanders.....	Delavan.
*Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford.....	Augusta.

CORPS.

ROCKFORD No. 1.

Corps President.....	*Mrs. Sophia Spaulding.
Past President.....	*Mrs. Julia G. Sine.
" "	Mrs. Mary E. Van Alstyne.

Delegates.

Alternates.

*Josie Watson.	Myra Fisdale.
*Delia Johnson.	S. F. Savage.
*Matilda Gaylord.	Miranda Thurston.
*Nellie Levings.	Eliza Swarthout.
*Catherine Simpson.	Mary Mitchell.

HENRY No. 2.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Lydia M. Raymond.
Past President.....	Mrs. Elizabeth Goodrich.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Bessie S. Townsend.	Mrs. Lizzie Young.
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* Denotes members present.

ELGIN No. 3.

Corps President.....	*Mrs. Etta E. Young.
Past President.....	Mrs. Angie C. Bube.
“ “	Mrs. Carrie T. Becher.
“ “	*Mrs. Ellen A. Bridges.

Delegates.

*Mary W. Shearman.
 *Nellie R. Manahan.
 *Hattie A. Rickert.

Alternates.

Mrs. E. O'Connell.
 Mrs. Mary V. Kimball.
 Mrs. Ida H. Hewitt.

DECATUR No. 4.

Corps President.....	*Mary A. Bradley.
Past President.....	Maggie Crissey.
“ “	Annie E. Hopping.
“ “	Sallie J. Steele.
“ “	Myra H. Mark.
“ “	Sarah C. Seger.

Delegates.

*Mary J. Reavis.
 *Sarah A. Pringle.

Alternates.

Mary A. Marsh.
 Carrie Pearl.

PALESTINE No. 5.

Corps President.....	*Mrs. Martha J. Hughes.
Past President.....	Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton.
“ “	Mrs. Sarah A. Emmons.

Delegate.

Miss Kate C. Freeman.

Alternate.

*Mrs. Mary A. Lindsey.

MONMOUTH No. 6.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Nettie Emere.
Past President.....	Mrs. Emma J. Herdman.
“ “	Mrs. Annie Keene.
“ “	*Mrs. Annie Morgan.
“ “	*Mrs. Minnie Gossett.

Delegate.

*Miss Flora Smiley.

Alternate.

Mrs. Sarah Eby.

BLOOMINGTON No. 7.

Corps President.....	*Mrs. Eldora Hallett.
Past President.....	Mrs. Fleta Stahl.
“ “	Mrs. Sade Rowley.
“ “	Mrs. Dora Myers.
“ “	Mrs. Mary Davisson.

Delegates.

*Mrs. Helen Ives.
 “ Fannie Champion.
 “ Carrie Rogers.
 Miss Josie Munholland

Alternates.

Mrs. Anotis Jones.
 “ Helen Little.
 “ Florence Davisson.
 “ Emma Maxton.

QUINCY No. 8.

Corps President.....Mrs. L. A. Henson.

Delegate.

*Miss Williams.

CANTON No. 9.

Corps President.....Mrs. Belle M. Eggleston.

Past President....." Josephine Whittaker.

" " " Jennie Robbins.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Rebecca Gibson.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harter.

AURORA No. 10.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Lizzie Hubbard.

Past President.....* " Clara Harral.

" " " Ella Scragg.

" " " Rebecca Lewis.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

*Myra K. Stolp.

*Mrs. Hattie A. Vaughn.

Fannie Sill.

" Florence Poole.

PEORIA No. 12.

Corps President.....*Hattie Stillwell.

Past President.....*Sue M. Simpson.

" " " Marian A. Mann.

" " " K. M. Flint.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

*Hannah R. Woodruff.

Josie Minnenger.

Martha A. Cumming.

*Dell A. Clark.

Mary E. Beardsley.

Sarah A. Mareeny.

Mary Wasson.

C. M. Brown.

CHILLICOTHE No. 13.

Corps President.....

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Almira Blossom.

CHICAGO No. 14.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Agnes Moody.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Anna Jenkins.

PONTIAC No. 15.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Annie E. C. Williams.

Past President....." Mary K. Holtzman.

" " " Eliza Torrence.

" " " Lizzie D. Gibson.

Delegates.

*Mrs. Alice Tindall.
 * " Eliza Stinson.

Alternates.

Mrs. Mary McCalla.
 " Emma McDowell.

MORRIS No. 16.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Lida J. Elerding.
 Past President.....*Miss Jennie Bross.

Delegates.

Carrie Fay.
 Mrs. Jennie M. Johnson.

Alternates.

Mrs. Cecilia Perkins.
 " Amanda Thomas.

SPRINGFIELD No. 17.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Eva M. Smith.
 Past President.....Miss Josephine P. Cleveland.
 " " Mrs. Mary E. Hughes.
 " " " Mary J. Stadden.
 " " " L. J. Cantwell.
 " " " Esther Woods.

Delegates.

*Hattie Manlove.
 *Mary E. Iles.

Alternates

*Mrs. Kittie Weaver.

SYCAMORE No. 18.

Corps President.....Mrs. Lettie A. Burst.
 Past President..... " Lucy C. Beach.

Delegate

*Mrs. M. M. Harrington.

Alternate

Mrs. Abbie E. Dyer.

GALVA No. 19.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Charity Nichols.
 Past President.....* " Lottie P. Milchrist.

Delegate.

Ada Grubb.

Alternate.

Mrs. Rachel Fitch.

LITCHFIELD No. 20.

Corps President.....Mrs. Lula Richmond.
 Past President..... " Elizabeth Bennett.

Delegate.

Mrs. Abbigail Hood.

Alternate.

Mrs. Mary Parish.

FARMER CITY No. 21.

Corps President.....Mrs. Elsie Farmer.
 Past President..... " Jennie Ludington.
 " " " S. A. Cantfield.

Delegate

*Mrs. Kate Wilson.

Alternate.

NUNDA No. 22.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Martha St. Clair.
 Past President....." Emma C. Beckley.

*Delegates**Alternates*

*Mrs. Alma Arpe.
 " Mila Hubbard.

Mrs. Fannie Dike.
 " Ida Hutchison.

GIBSON CITY No. 24.

Corps President.....Mrs. Marilla Ward.
 Past President.....* " Margaret A. Damon.
 " " " Hattie Collier.

*Delegates**Alternates.*

Mrs. Libbie Collier.
 " Mary A. Ramey.

*Mrs. Sarah Way.
 " Emma Simms.

OLNEY No. 25.

Corps President.....*Mrs. M. E. McCauley.
 Past President....." Sarah Higgins.
 " " " Alice Goddard.
 " " Miss Eugenie Schifferstein.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Carla Knoph.
 Mrs. Sarah McGahey.

LACON No. 26.

Corps President.....Harriet Curtis.
 Past President.....Mary P. Gale.
 " " Sarah D. Green.

*Delegate**Alternate.*

Julia Green.
 *Lucy Fowler.

KEITHSBURG No. 27.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Ellen Gray.
 Past President....." R. A. McManus.
 " " " M. J. Alcott.
 " "* " Ella L. Baker.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

*Ona Olcott.
 E. F. Porter.

MOLINE No. 28.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Maggie Ziegler.
 Past President....." Laura E. Clendenin.
 " " " Laura McKeever.
 " " " Hattie Morgan.

*Delegates.**Alternates*

*Roxana Gamble.
 Mrs. Rose Marshall.
 " Elsie Atkinson.

ROSEVILLE No. 30.

Corps President.....Mrs. Fannie Blazier.
 Past President....." E. C. Talbott.
 " "....." Adelaide Blair.

*Delegate**Alternate.*

Mrs. Julia Hebbard.

Mrs. Etta Myers.

MAGNOLIA No. 31.

Corps President.....Mrs. Laura Brenn.
 Past President....." Samantha Van Horne.
 " ".....Nellie Taylor.
 " ".....Anna Brenn.

*Delegate.**Alternate*

Mrs. Laura Brenn.

Mrs. Emma Coe.

AUGUSTA No. 32.

Corps President.....Miss May V. Mead.
 Past President.....Mrs. Martha Finley.
 " "....." Sarah M. Bradford.

*Delegate.**Alternat*

*Hester Hulén.

Mrs. Philena Golin.

PECATONICA No. 33.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Nellie Stitsel.
 Past President....." Kate Knowlton.
 " "....." Mary Jordan.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Miss Sarah Rogers.

Mrs. Mary Guilford.

MACOMB No. 34.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Rhoda J. Case.
 Past President....." Catherine Lemmer.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Rebecca McGuire.

Sarah Newland.

DEHAVAN No. 35.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Emily Cobean.
 Past President....." Sue A. Sanders.
 " "....." Ella Cobean.
 " ".....* " Carrie A. Briggs.
 " "....." Hortense McKinstry.

*Delegates.**Alternates*

*Mrs. Emily Horton.

Lucy Kingman.

* " Alice Eggleston.

Mabel Eggleston.

GARDNER No. 36.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Mary Eldred.
 Past President....." Harriet LaForce.

Delegate.

*Mrs. Sarah Agard.

Alternate.

Mrs. Ann LaForce.

SUMNER, No. 37.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Emma Johnson.
Past President.....	" Emma Stevens.
" "	" Belle May.
" "	" Bettie Dumphy.

Delegate.

Mrs. Mollie Bunn

Alternate

Mrs. Mary Brion.

WAUCONDA No. 38.

Corps President.....	Miss Cora M. Powers.
Past President.....	Mrs. Laura Cooke.
" "	Mrs. Francis Acker.

Delegate

*Mrs. Catherine Gilbert.

Alternate.

Miss Ina Clark.

SHAWNEETOWN, No. 39.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Lizzie Nolen.
" "	" Sarah B. Martin.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

ELMWOOD No. 40.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Adeline Beck.
Past President.....	" Kate Hiatt.
" "	* " Ellen McFarland.

Delegate.

*Mrs. Maria Graham.

Alternate.

Mrs. Rosina Shaffer.

ALBANY No. 41.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Mary Lisk.
Past President.....	" Mary H. Snyder.
" "	" Experience K. Sayre.

Delegate

Mrs. Etta Yohn.

Alternate.

Elizabeth Lewis.

HARRISBURG, No. 42.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Sara O'Brien.
Past President.....	" Hattie Mitchell.

Delegate.

Mrs. Sallie Sloan.

Alternate.

Mrs. Sadie Wiedamann.

LEROY, No. 43.

Corps President.....	*Mrs. Nellie King.
Past President.....	" Alexine H. Murray.
" "	" Hattie D. Veney.

Delegate.
Mrs. Nellie King.

Alternate.
Mrs. E. Johnson.

FREEPORT No. 44.

Corps President.....Mrs. Julia B. Devore.
Past President....." Carrie B. Taylor.

Delegate.
Myrtie Van Valkenburg.

Alternate.
Sarah Halen.

STERLING No. 45.

Corps President.....Mrs. Jennie Krenay.
Past President....." Phoebe A. Mann.
" "* " Jennie G. Harrison.
" " " Luna C. Harkell.

Delegates
*Mrs. Fannie M. Mallory.
" Julia A. Shoop.

Alternates
Mrs. Seraphine Johnson.
" Jennie G. Harrison.

RIDGE FARM No. 46.

Corps President.....Mrs. Sarah Fisk.
Past President....." Lydia B. Pierce.
" " " Mary H. Brady.
" " " Maggie Baum.

Delegates.

Alternates.

QUINCY No. 47.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Electa L. Finley.
Past President.....* " Georgie Berry.
" " " Laura E. Distin.

Delegates
*Mrs. Helen F. Bristol.
* " C. T. Fenton.

Alternates.
Mrs. Margaret Stewart.
Miss Theresa Woodruff.

HAMILTON No. 49.

Corps President.....Mrs. Sarah P. Githens.
Past President....." Mary R. McClellan.

Delegate.
*Mrs. Augusta Tuttle.

Alternate.
Mrs. Mary Price.

OQUAWKA No. 50.

Corps President.....Florence Green.
Past President.....Mrs. Jane Watson.
" "* " Mary J. White.
" " " Florence E. Boden.

Delegates.
Mrs. Mary Criss.
" Rhoda Anderson.

Alternates
Mrs. Fannie Linell.
" Lottie Herbertz.

MARENGO No. 52.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Sarah Morris.
 Past President....." Louisa Green.
 " "....." Minerva Ryder.

*Delegate.**Alternate*

Mrs. Emily Steadman.

Mary Beldon.

BELLAIR No. 53.

Corps President.....Mrs. Kate Tuttle.
 Past President....." Viola Parsons.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

ARCOLA No. 54.

Corps President.....*Amanda Beggs.
 Past President.....Nellie M. Bassett.
 " ".....Fene E. Collins.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Lizzie Purcell.

Mrs. Amelia Klink.

SPARTA No. 55.

Corps President.....Amanda J. Caldwell.
 Past President.....S. Annie Deitrich.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mary C. Allen.

Sue Rigdon.

SAYBROOK No. 57.

Corps President.....Mrs. Kate Atkinson.
 Past President....." Betsey Hurley.

*Delegate.**Alternate*

Mrs. Mary Rowen.

Mrs. Gray.

SPRINGFIELD No. 58.

Corps President.....Mrs. Ella Naylor.
 Past President....." Susie C. Davis.
 " "....." Matilda Jackson.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Miss Laura Bradford.

Miss Jennie Coleman.

EARLVILLE No. 59.

Corps President.....Mrs. Josephine Kelley.
 Past President....." Ida Tillman.

*Delegate**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Adda Chase.

Mrs. Mary Wilson.

LAHARPE No. 60.

Corps President.....	Miss Maggie Campbell.
Past President.....	Mrs. Mary Cassill.
“ “	“ M. A. Bryan Cassingham.
“ “	“ Clara Barlow.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Miss Carrie Campbell.

Miss Ellen Leavitt.

BYRON No. 61.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Emily L. Spaulding.
Past President.....	Mrs. M. J. Spaulding.

*Delegate**Alternate.*

Mrs. Lydia R. Artz.

Mrs. M. A. Jones.

WASHINGTON No. 62.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Mary E. Fauber.
Past President.....	* “ Susan Alphonso.
“ “	“ Mattie Zincer.

*Delegate.**Alternate*

Mrs. Susan Alphonse.

Miss Lizzie Long.

ROBINSON No. 63.

Corps President.....	*Mrs. Lucy A. Brigham.
Past President.....	* “ Sally A. Browning.
“ “	“ Hattie Carey.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Flora Huls.

MONTICELLO No. 64.

Corps President.....	*Mrs. Mima Smith.
Past President.....	* “ Inez J. Bender.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

*Mrs. Mecia Tatman.

Mrs. Ellen Lodge.

* “ Flo Miller.

“ Ida M. Taylor.

CAMP POINT No. 65.

Corps President.....	*Mary Lasley.
Past President.....	*Artemesia Hall.
“ “	*Clementine Ross.

*Delegates.**Alternates*

*Pamelia Rhea.

Laura DeHaven.

*Annie Peabody.

Jane Conner.

ROCK ISLAND No. 66.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Sylvice J. Hemenway.
Past President.....	“ Mariella Buck.

*Delegates**Alternates.*

Mrs. E. H. Buck.

" Sylvia J. Hemenway.

METROPOLIS No. 67.

Corps President.....Mrs. Lillie Robinson.

Past President....." Mary Robin-on.

" "....." Katie Pearson.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

BUSHNELL No. 68.

Corps President.....Mrs. Mary Lantz.

" "....." Fannie Young.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Fannie Hafele.

Mrs. Jennie Melvin.

HOMER No. 69.

Corps President.....Mrs. Carrie Tinkham.

Past President....." Mattie Hemrichouser.

" ".....* " Martha Dalby.

*Delegate.**Alternate*

*Mrs. Anna Hollis.

Mrs. Amanda Ruby.

CARTHAGE No. 70.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Mary E. Gill.

Past President....." Nancy Riley.

" ".....* " Ann Randolph.

" ".....* " Sarah E. Taylor.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Lydia Duffy.

*Mrs. Mary Wilson.

CHEBANSE No. 71.

Corps President.....Mrs. Villa Watson.

Past President....." Amanda Martin.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Etta Wakeman.

Miss Effie Porch.

BRIGHTON PARK No. 73.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Lizzie Shelhamer.

Past President.....* " Mary Hutchinson.

" ".....* " Emma Van Horne.

*Delegate**Alternate.*

Mrs. Ada Williams.

Mrs. Mary Leggell.

DEWITT, No. 74.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Anna Harrold.
Past President.....	" Lavina Wilson.
" "	" Mary Armstrong.
<i>Delegates.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>

DANVILLE, No. 76.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Mary B. Jewell.
Past President.....	" Sarah E. Williams.
<i>Delegates.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
*Mrs. Laura Curtis.	Mrs. Ella Zerse.
* " M. J. Barger.	" J. H. Helm.

COULTERSVILLE, No. 77.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Elizabeth Peel.
Past President.....	" Mary A. McBride.
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>

BEARDSTOWN, No. 78.

Corps President.....	*Mrs. Lou Mathews.
Past President.....	* " Julia Hare.
" "	" C. R. McFillin.
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Mrs. Sue Wendling.	Mrs. Sarah Miller.

DEKALB, No. 80.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Sarah M. Snow.
Past President.....	" Matilda C. Sickles.
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Mrs. Emma Roberts.	Miss Cynthia Snow.

CHICAGO, No. 81.

Corps President.....	*Mrs. Maria Cluett.
Past President.....	* " C. E. Newburn.
" "	" Lucretia Sammons.
<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternates</i>
Mrs. Sarah Corbus.	Mrs. Mary Miner.
" Katie Haskett.	" Lizzie Stafford.

EAST ST. LOUIS, No. 82.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Melvina Wilson.
Past President.....	" Martha Hender.
" "	" Carrie B. Geary.
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Mrs. Josie Bailey.	Mrs. .. Chapman.

GENOA, No. 83.

Corps President.....Mrs. Anna Slater.
 Past President....." Emily Brown.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Miss Margaret Slater.

Lizzie Johnson.

FULTON, No. 84.

Corps President.....Mrs. Agnes Martindale.
 Past President....." Lizzie E. Sumners.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Lizzie Terwilliger.

Mrs. .. Peterson.

BARRINGTON, No. 85.

Corps President.....Mrs. Rhoda E. Lombard.
 Past President....." Ada Selleck.
 " " " Cordelia Clark.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Kate Runyan.

Mrs. Libbie Miller.

BOONE GAP No. 86.

Corps President.....Mrs. Anna Miner.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. F. M. Gould.

Emily Smith.

PARIS No. 87.

Corps President.....Mrs. Rachel Elliott.
 Past President....." Rachel Culberson.
 " " " Emma Elliott.
 " " " Belle Powell.

*Delegates.**Alternates*

Mrs. Eliza Huston.

Mrs. Anna Moore.

" Sarah Crowel.

" Mollie Bovell.

CAIRO No. 88.

Corps President.....*Miss Annie M. Stuart.
 Past President.....Mrs. Sarah E. Hannon.
 " " " Nannie T. Alden.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

Miss Etta Nellis.

Mrs. Nannie Alden.

Mrs. Sarah E. Hannon.

" Bettie Rector.

*Mrs. Mattie Yost.

SPRINGFIELD No. 89.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Nannie Bell.
 Past President....." Addie Ide.
 " " " Lou Guest.

Delegate.

*Mrs. Mary Bryant.

Alternate.

Mrs. Julia Luttrell.

NEW CANTON No. 90.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Eva McComas.

Past President.....* " Orphie Atkinson.

Delegate

*Mrs. Mary Gard.

Alternate.

Mrs. Evaline O. Harrow.

BARRY No. 91.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Lizzie F. Long.

Past President....." Celia A. Parker.

" "* " C. Mell Hurt.

Delegate.

*Miss Hattie Mitchell.

Alternate.

Miss Alzina Wike.

CHICAGO No. 92.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Carrie Wilson.

Past President.....* " Sophia Linscott.

" "* " Mary Whitney.

Delegates.

*Mrs. Dr. Trout.

Alternates.

Mrs. Maria Weston.

* " Lizzie Newton.

" Hattie Reed.

CENTRALIA No. 93.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Hattie Hoover.

Past President....." Mattie M. Green.

Delegates

*Mrs. Hattie Hoover.

Alternates.

Mary Probst.

* " Mary Shevels.

Sarah A. Parkinson.

MARSEILLES No. 94.

Corps President.....Mrs. Lucretia Burton.

Past President....." Mary Stone.

Delegate.

*Mrs. Elvira Porter.

Alternate.

Julina Hayes.

CAIRO No. 95.

Corps President.....Mrs. Alice M. Taylor.

Past President....." Jennie Owens.

*Delegates**Alternates.*

DUQUOIN No. 96.

Corps President.....*Miss Loretta J. Jones.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

PROPHETSTOWN, No. 97.

Corps President.....Mrs. Alice Dailey.
Past President....." Almara Cleveland.

Delegate.

Alternate

Miss Minnie Sanderson. Mrs. Celesta Thompson.

KEWANEE, No. 99.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Annie Miner.
Past ".....* " Margaret Murchison.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Mrs. Lettie Nicholson. *Mrs. Ella Harding.

CLAYTON, No. 100.

Corps President.....Mrs. Mary Dunlap.
Past "....." Catharine Thomas.

Delegates.

Alternates.

*Mrs. Mollie Smith. Mrs. Rhoda Lackey.
* " Sarah Bennett. " Julia West.

HILLSBORO, No. 103.

Corps President.....Mrs. Jennie B. Truitt.
Past President....." M. M. Walsh.
" "....." Jennie Glenn.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Mrs. Lizzie Glenn. Mrs. Lina McLane.

POLO, No. 104.

Corps President.....Mrs. Mary C. Griffin.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Mrs. Mary S. Williams. Ada Fisher.

MILLEDGEVILLE, No. 106.

Corps President.....Mrs. Sarah Healy.
" "....." L. M. Spaulding.
" "....." E. Lampman.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Mrs. L. M. Spaulding Mrs. Julia Bentley.

ONARGA, No. 107.

Corps President.....Mrs. Mary Fickle.
Past President....." Sophronia Warren.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Mrs. Emma Palmer. Lucinda Campbell.

CHICAGO, No. 108.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Carrie Nichols.
 Past President.....* " Minnie M. Kyle.
 " "* " Mary Ballinger.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

*Mrs. Emma C. Hurlburt. Mrs. Anna P. H. Clark.
 * " Jennie B. Honison. " F. C. Vierling.

JACKSONVILLE, No. 109.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Rachel Wyckoff.
 Past President....." Matilda Tyrrell.

*Delegate**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Mary E. Humphrey. Annie J. Viera.

TAYLORVILLE, No. 110.

Corps President.....Lucy Hoagland.
 Past President.....Mrs. Emma Kitzmiller.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Sallie J. Morrison. Mrs. Donovan.

ROSSVILLE No. 111.

Corps President.....Mrs. Harriet McElroy.
 Past President....." Kate Lee.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Amanda M. Lamb. Lizzie Maurey.

PLANO No. 113.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Alice Walker.
 Past President....." Mira Smith.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Effie Marley.

FLORA No. 114.

Corps President.....Mrs. Ella N. Shephard.
 Past President....." Elizabeth Burton.
 " " " Ella E. Blanchard.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Emma M. Park. Pheobe J. Towney.

EDINBURG No. 115.

Corps President.....Mrs. M. Harrold.
 Past President....." Ella Price.
 " " " Orinda Halford.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Miss Ida Breckening. Susan Cayle.

STREATOR No. 116.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Martha J. Bean.
 Past President.....* " Aggie Hall.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Aggie Hall.

Mrs. Julia Ford.

WAUKEGAN No. 117.

Corps President.....Mrs. Emma Marvin.
 Past President....." Nancy McArthur.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Spring.

Mrs. Partridge.

LINCOLN No. 118.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Salome Wilson.
 Past President....." Grace Beach.
 " "* " Vesta Cadwallader.

*Delegate**Alternate*

*Mrs. Charlotte Ross.

Mrs. Katurah Hoover.

KANKAKEE No. 119.

Corps President.....Francis Bell.
 Past President.....Helen Paddock.
 " " Mattie Humrichouser.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. M. Sutcliffe.

Nettie Kenaga.

ALBION No. 120.

Corps President.....Mrs. Cassandra Strawn.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Annie Porter.

Ida Johns.

GALESBURG No. 121.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Emily R. McCullough.

*Delegate**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Ella Bradshaw.

Miss Libbie Richardson.

ARMINGTON No. 122.

Corps President.....Mrs. Margaret Maupin.
 Past President....." Mary P. Hieronymus.

*Delegate.**Alternate*

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Dempsey.

Mary Forbes.

PAXTON No. 125.

Corps President.....*Mrs. F. M. Shephardson.
 Past President....." Maggie Hutchison.

<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Miss Maria L. Bogardus.	Pheobe A. White.

BUDA No. 126.

Corps President.....	*Mrs. Saria Foster.
Past President.....	" Francis M. Dille.

<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
*Mrs. Ann Lockwood.	Gertrude Mason.

TONICA No. 128.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Imogene Underhill.
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<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
Mrs. Elisa Miller.	Mrs. Adaline Snook.

PAWNEE No. 129.

Corps President.....	Josephine Wiley.
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<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
Mrs. Georgia Stark.	Mary Farnam.

TAMPICO No. 130.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Anna Smith.
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<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
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ATLANTA No. 131.

Corps President.....	*Mrs. Adeline Long.
Past President.....	" Emma Oustott.

<i>Delegates.</i>	<i>Alternates</i>
Mrs. Adeline Long.	M. E. Rowen.
* " Lida Lambert.	Ann E. Robinson.

OREGON No. 132.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Anna Spoor.
Past President.....	" Chloe J. Cartwright.

<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Mrs. Chloe J. Cartwright.	

HARVARD No. 133.

Corps President.....	Mrs. Kate Udell.
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<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
Mrs. Kate Udell.	Mrs. Johanna Downer.

BRADFORD No. 134.

Corps President.....	*Mrs. Sue S. Thompson.
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<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Mrs. Sue S. Thompson.	*Adelaide Bevier.

MINIER No. 135.

Corps President.....Mrs. Effie Kinsey.
 Past President....." Allie Ewing.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Jessie R. Hart.

Etta W. Tanner.

ENGLEWOOD No. 136.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Leah Strang.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mrs. Eliza Carr.

Mrs. Esther Humphries.

ELLERY No. 137.

Corps President.....Ann Pettigrew.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Sarah T. Juskeep.

Mary Scott.

CHICAGO No. 138.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Leanah Outland.

Past President....." Henrietta Thompson.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Mettie Hunt.

Nannie Grant.

PORT BYRON No. 139.

Corps President.....Mrs. Mary Nicholson.

Past President.....Sarah P. Adams.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Sarah P. Adams.

Miss Flora Trent.

JOLIET No. 140.

Corps President.....*Julia H. Barber.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

CHICAGO No. 141.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Mary Tucker.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

PERU No. 142.

Corps President.....Mrs. Elizabeth Maz.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Elizabeth Maze.

Mrs. Marietta Cronise.

BLUE ISLAND No. 143.

Corps President*Mrs. Hattie Pierce.

YATES No. 145.

Corps President.....Mrs. Amanda Painter.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Rebecca J. Johnson.

Alice W. Gevins.

JAMES HAYNES, No. 146.

Corps President.....Mrs. Sarah E. Keplinger.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Mattie Coulter.

Miss Rena Terry.

THOMAS LAYTON No. 147.

Corps President.....Mrs. Amelia Talbott.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

MOUND CITY, No. 148.

Corps President.....Mrs. Anna White.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Anna White.

Anna Lightfoot.

GOV. YATES, No. 149.

Corps President.....Mrs. Mary A. Smallwood.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

GEN. LOUIS BLENKER, No. 150.

Corps President.....*Mrs. Emily Valentine.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

ALTON, No. 151.

Corps President.....Mrs. Sarah S. Herron.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

PRESIDENT—Nominations for Department President are now in order.

Mrs. Sine of Rockford nominated Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton of Palestine for President, supported by several.

Mrs. Stadden of Springfield moved that Mrs. Leaverton's election be made unanimous and signified by a rising vote. Seconded by several.

Mrs. Sue Simpson of Peoria objected, not that she was opposed to Mrs. Leaverton receiving a unanimous vote, but because she thought a written ballot would be more satisfactory to the President and all other members of the Convention.

After Mrs. Simpson's remarks, Mrs. Stadden, Senior Vice President, stated the motion. A few not rising, it was necessary to have a ballot.

Mrs. Eva M. Smith of Springfield nominated Mrs. Stadden of Corps 17. Mrs. Manlove seconded the nomination.

Mrs. Mina Smith nominated Mrs. Inez J. Bender of No. 64. Mrs. Hurlburt of Chicago seconded the nomination.

Mrs. Ross, of Camp Point, placed Miss Cleveland in nomination. Miss Cleveland immediately declined to become a candidate.

The nominations were declared closed.

MRS. LEAVERTON: Ladies, this places me in a very embarrassing situation, as some of you know that I have said I would never decline but would work wherever placed. The reason for this resolution on my part is that at *one* Convention I did decline and a lady said, "Mrs. Leaverton, you are not treating your friends right." You all know that I never have asked you to vote for me, but I *now* ask you all *not* to vote for me.

The Guard here announced Governor Fifer and other comrades.

Motion by Mrs. Pitkin, seconded by Mrs. Sanders that all business be suspended and a committee be appointed to receive the visitors. Carried.

Mrs. Smith played a march while Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Bend-

er and Mrs. Distin assisted by the Conductors, escorted the gentlemen in.

Col. Distin, of Quincy, Department Chaplain Gue, of Rock Island, Comrades Turner, of Louisville, and Milchrist, of Galva, accompanied the Governor.

After being presented to the President, they were escorted to the platform and the salute of the Order was given by Convention.

The Department President then introduced Governor Fifer who made a most excellent address. In course of his remarks he referred to the courage shown by the women during the dark days from 1861 to 1865, and said: "Physical courage is not the highest type. The demand is for *moral* courage. I believe there is to be another great battle fought on this continent, but not with shot and shell. There will be no blood shed. It is to be a war of ideas, morality against immorality; religion against irreligion; law against anarchy. If we are educated in the right manner, the battle will be won. If we are ignorant, all will be lost.

The President introduced Col. Distin as our "future Commander" and said she felt sure he would be a friend to our Order. The Colonel spoke highly of the work in which we are engaged and promised, if elected Department Commander, to assist the W. R. C. in every possible way.

Comrade Gue, Dep't Chaplain, was next introduced and referred to the time when the women managed the business at home while the men managed the Rebels down south.

Comrade Tanner spoke for a short time and was followed by comrade Milchrist who spoke pleasantly for a few minutes.

Major Rowland of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, who had come in after the Governor's party, was escorted to the platform and introduced by the Department President. The Major spoke concerning the management of the Home, and of the contributions to it by the Corps. He said: "You may not realize that in contributing articles to the Home you have helped men individually. They feel that the la-

dies of the state take an interest in them and it gives them hope."

Mrs. Leaverton, in behalf of the Department of Illinois, thanked the comrades cordially and presented each with a W. R. C. Delegate's Badge. The party was escorted to the door to the music of "Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching."

Motion by Mrs. White and seconded, that the Convention adjourn until 1:30 p. m. The motion was lost.

The tellers proceeded to count the vote. The result showed Mrs. Leaverton to be elected by a large majority.

Motion by Mrs. Stadden, seconded by Mrs. Bender, that Mrs. Leaverton's election be made unanimous.

Mrs. Distin, Junior Vice President, stated the motion which was carried.

Mrs. Leaverton was declared elected.

Motion by Mrs. Stadden to adjourn until 2:00 p. m. Seconded by Mrs. Iles and carried.

SECOND DAY.—AFTERNOON.

THURSDAY.

Convention was called to order at 2:00 p. m. with Mrs. Leaverton in the chair.

Mrs. Finlay and Miss Bogardus assisted in taking the pass word.

Motion by Mrs. Stadden seconded by Mrs. Hall, that the reading of to-day's minutes be left until Friday afternoon. Carried.

A communication was received from C. A. Partridge, A. A. G., inviting the W. R. C. to meet the G. A. R. at 4 o'clock p. m. to visit S. & S. Home, as a special train would leave at that time.

Mrs. Bradford moved that we accept with thanks and, if possible to go, meet at the rendezvous. Seconded by Mrs. Eldred and carried.

Nominations for Senior Vice President being in order, Mrs. Mariah A. Cluett, of No. 81, nominated Mrs. Charlotte E. Newburn, of No. 81. Mrs. Inez Bender of No. 64 seconded Mrs. Newburn's nomination.

Mrs. Eldred, of No. 36, nominated Miss Jennie Bross, of No. 16. Seconded by Mrs. Harral, of No. 10, and Mrs. Spaulding, of No. 1.

There being no other nominations, the votes were counted and Miss Jennie Bross was declared elected Senior Vice President for the ensuing year.

Nominations for Junior Vice President were next in order.

Mrs. Shearman, of Elgin, nominated Mrs. Brydges, of Elgin. Mrs. Sine, of No. 1, seconded the nomination.

Emma C. Hurlburt, of No. 108, nominated Mrs. Mary Balingier, of No. 108. Seconded by Mrs. Miller, of No. 64.

Mrs. Freeman, of No. 5, nominated Mrs. J. White, of No.

50. Seconded by M. J. Hughes, of No. 5.

Mrs. Bristol, of No. 47, nominated Mrs. Laura E. Distin, of No. 47. Seconded by Mrs. Georgia Berry.

Mrs. Haskett, of No. 81, nominated Mrs. Charlotte Newburn and Mrs. Kyle, of No. 108, seconded the nomination.

Mrs. Cadwallader, of No. 35, nominated Mrs. Briggs, of No. 35. Mrs. Sue A. Sanders seconded the nomination.

Nominations were declared closed.

Mrs. Newburn withdrew after the first ballot.

Mrs. Ellen A. Brydges was elected Junior Vice President.

Next in order came nominations for Treasurer.

Miss Jennie Bross nominated Miss Ada Carlton. Mrs. Harral seconded the nomination.

Mrs. Pringle nominated Mrs. A. Bradley and Mrs. Matthews seconded.

After the votes were counted, Miss Carlton was declared elected.

For Chaplain, Mrs. Anna Morgan, of No. 6 was nominated by Miss Bross and supported by Mrs. McCollough.

Mrs. Miller nominated Mrs. Blackmore, of Pontiac. Seconded by Mrs. Ballinger.

Mrs. Moody of No. 14, nominated Mrs. Jenkins of the same corps. Seconded by Mrs. L. Outland of No. 14.

Mrs. Bender proposed the name of Mrs. Nichols, of No. 19 and was seconded by Mrs. Clenentine Ross.

The ballot resulted in the election of Mrs. Anna Morgan, who was declared Dep't Chaplain for the coming year.

The Guard announced Mayor Bishop, of Quincy, Comrade Vereling, of Chicago, Lewis of——, Carter, and John Brown, of Post 50, Chicago.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson that the business be suspended and the Mayor and comrades escorted in. Seconded by Mrs. Sine and carried.

The Conductors assisted by Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Stadden and Mrs. Sine presented the visitors to the President.

The President introduced the Mayor who welcomed the W. R. C. in the name of the City of Quincy.

Comrade Vereling was next introduced and said that he was heart and soul with us; that he had watched what we had *done*, not what we had *said*. He also assured us that our work is approved by all Comrades of the G. A. R.; and that the work of the W. R. C. will tell not only in the state of Illinois, but in the whole Nation.

Comrade Carter spoke of the G. A. R. in Louisiana, and expressed a wish that the W. R. C. might be established there.

Comrade John Brown, of Post No. 50 spoke well, and called forth much applause by his praise of the work done by women.

One Comrade announced that the next Department Encampment would be held at Decatur.

Mrs. Mary A. Bradley, of Decatur, immediately arose and in the name of that city, invited all to be present at the next Annual Encampment of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. Convention of Illinois.

After the Comrades had retired, the business of Convention was resumed.

Next in order was the election of Executive Board.

The following ladies were nominated:

Mrs. Mary J. Stadden,	Mrs. Sue A. Sanders,
" Sue M. Simpson,	" Lorraine J. Pitkin,
" Lizzie Hubbard,	" Inez J. Bender,
" Sophia Spaulding,	" Flo Miller.

These ladies were declared elected:

Mrs. Mary J. Stadden.....	Corps No. 17.....	Springfield
" Sue A. Sanders.....	" " 35.....	Delavan
" Lizzie Hubbard.....	" " 10.....	Aurora
" Flo Miller.....	" " 64.....	Monticello
" Sue Simpson.....	" " 12.....	Peoria

Motion by Mrs. Stadden to adjourn till 8 o'clock p. m.
Seconded and carried.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

Convention was called to order at 8 o'clock p. m.

Mrs. Distin and Mrs. Berry assisted in taking the pass word.

Business next in order was the election of a Delegate-at-Large.

Department President announced that nominations were in order.

The following ladies were nominated for Delegate-at-Large:

Mrs. Eliza Torrence,	Mrs. Georgie Berry,
" Lorraine J. Pitkin,	" Sophia Linscott,
" Harness,	" Harris.

The ballot resulted in the election of Mrs. Georgie Berry, of Quiney, who was declared Delegate-at-Large to the Eighth National Convention.

The nominees for delegates to National Convention were

Mrs. Laura E. Distin,	Mrs. Mary Eldred,
" Mary M. Whitney,	" Eliza Torrence,
" Mary A. Bradley,	" Belle Howison,
" Sarah E. Hannon,	" Jennie G. Harrison,
" Agnes Moody,	" Carrie Briggs,
" Marilla Ward,	" Hattie E. Manlove,
" Sophia Linscott,	" Parker,
" Dell A. Clark,	" Amanda Beggs,
" Julia Barber,	" Sophia Spalding,
" Emily Cobeau,	" Artemesia Hall,
" Lorraine J. Pitkin,	" Wardell,
" Sprague,	" Carter.

The following were declared elected Delegates and Alternates to National Convention.

DELEGATES.		ALTERNATES.	
Laura E. Distin,	Corps No.	47. Belle Howison,	Corps No. 108
Mary M. Whitney,	" "	92. Jennie G. Harrison,	" " 45
Mary A. Bradley,	" "	4. Carrie Briggs,	" " 35
Sarah E. Hannon,	" "	88. Hattie E. Manlove,	" " 17
Agnes Moody,	" "	14. Celia Parker,	" " 91
Marilla Ward,	" "	24. Dell A. Clark,	" " 12
Sophia Linscott,	" "	92. Amanda Beggs,	" " 54
Mary Eldred,	" "	36. Julia Barber	" " 140

Mrs. Eliza Torrence, of Pontiac, was elected Alternate-at-Large.

Mrs. Josephine Manahan explained the objects of the Ladies Aid Society and said, "We are not rivals of the W. R. C., but our aim is to be to the Sons of Veterans what the Woman's Relief Corps is to the G. A. R."

Mrs. Annie Wittenmeyer, National President, presented Mrs. Leaverton with a Dep't President's gold badge in behalf of the Department of Illinois, W. R. C. In her own happy manner, Mrs. Wittenmeyer urged the Dep't President to faithfully discharge her duties and have the desire in her heart to do the work better than ever before.

Mrs. Leaverton acknowledged the gift in a few well chosen words, and asked the representatives to bear her sincere thanks to the various Corps in this Department and assure them that this beautiful badge would be to her, a reminder of the Fraternity extended, of the Charity and true Loyalty manifested all through the year; that she appreciated the honor of the presentation speech being made by our beloved National President, and that one of the most pleasant duties of her life was to help initiate *Annie Wittenmeyer* into the "Woman's Relief Corps," at our first Department Convention in 1884.

Mrs. Wittenmeyer now addressed the Convention. She said that the first element of success is good fellowship; that troubles begin with nothing and end in breaking up Corps. She advised members to bury all grievances and especially urged them to learn the art of secrecy; to keep their work to themselves and not to consult members of the Post concerning troubles arising in the Corps, but to throw the mantle of charity over the failings of our sisters; for the more we cover the faults of others, the fewer we'll have of our own.

Mrs. Wittenmeyer spoke of a Dakota farmer who was in destitute circumstances and had written her concerning his needs.

It was her desire that the Department of Illinois furnish him with clothing and seed enough to sow his fields.

As many of the ladies as would be willing to help were requested to raise their hand. There was an almost unani-

mous raising of hands.

The National President thanked the ladies for having lifted that burden from her heart.

Mrs. Follensbee read the following paper:

In the spring 1887, an old soldier by the name of Berryman came to the Soldiers' Home from the Poor House in Morgan County, Ill. Soon after his arrival, he went to Col. Berry's office and said that his wife, (a woman about forty years of age,) and two children, one a girl nine years of age, and a boy of five years, were still in that Poor House from which he came, and asked Col. Berry if the children could be gotten in to the Soldiers' and Orphans' Home at Bloomington; he said if this could be done his wife could support herself: Col. Berry immediately made application and the children were admitted to the Home; the wife coming to Quincy to be near her husband. Nothing more was heard of the Berrymans until the latter part of Jan. 1888, when he again called on Col. Berry with two letters—one from the manager of the Eye & Ear Infirmary, at Chicago, addressed to Dr. DeMotte of the Orphans' Home, saying that the little girl Rosa Berryman, had a highly infectious disease (a disease we would only mention in a whisper) and could not be retained at the Infirmary. And the other was a letter from the keeper of the poor house, demanding that she be removed from the Morgan County Poor House; her parents were residents of Adams county, and further stating that she was very ill and required a different kind of treatment from what that Asylum of wretchedness could afford. On being questioned about his wife, Mr. Berryman said that after the children were removed from the Poor House, she came to Quincy and worked, making her own living until the fall of 1887, when she was stricken down with Typhoid fever, and was taken to St. Mary's Hospital; that convalescing from that disorder, an internal cancer had developed from which she was dying at the Hospital. A letter of later date, from Dr. DeMotte, was shown in which he stated that sometime after Rosa reached the Home, her eyes and ears became afflicted to such an extent that she was sent to the Infirmary for

treatment with the result before stated. The situation was unparalleled, appalling, and would have appealed to the hardest heart; you can imagine how Col. Berry felt, with his large warm heart always alive to the interests of his comrades and their wives and children. A little girl now ten years old thrown out of a public institution at Chicago and upon the report accompanying this inhuman act, they were compelled to dismiss her from the Orphans' Home for fear of contagion, and she was again landed in that lowest depth of earthly horrors—an Illinois Poor House; while her old father was helpless here in the Home, and her mother dying at the Hospital; and now even this last refuge of poverty, sin and vice was trying to spew her out and rid itself of her. There was nothing to do but to bring her to Quincy. Her mother who had been longing for days to see her, was too ill and died a few days after her arrival. Physicians here pronounced her disease a bad case of Scrofula, and she was admitted to the Blessing Hospital, by the generous management of that institution and under the treatment of Dr. Montgomery in the course of six months was vastly improved. For the past eighteen months with the assistance of the Department Officers, she has been boarded in private families, and clothed and looked after by John Wood, W. R. C. No. 47. This child, afflicted in body and feeble in mind, motherless, fatherless, and homeless, is the most pitiable object that has ever appealed to the humanity and charity of the Organizations of the Army of the Union founded and maintained as they have been and are, for the relief of the families of those men, but for whose sacrifice and devotion, we should not now have a peaceful, united, and happy Country. An effort has been made to get her into the institution for the feeble minded at K—, I think, but at present there is not room: they are enlarging the building and will be unable to receive any more inmates for one year. This child appealed to every mother's heart, as well as loyal protection and care. Corps 47 is willing to do her part, but we cannot do what should be done. Now I would like to ask what you will do?

Motion by Mrs. Bradford that the Department President mention the case of Rosa Berryman in a General Order and request each corps to furnish what it is able, and that the Corps be instructed to send the money to the President of John Wood Corps, 47 who will make an itemized report to Department President and Secretary. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Bradford moved and was seconded by Mrs. Distin, that the Department President appoint a committee to furnish the "Dakota farmer" with clothing, seeds, etc. Carried.

Mrs. Leaverton appointed as such committee

Mrs. Mary A. Bradley,	Mrs. Marilla Ward,
" Mary Ballinger,	" Mary Yost,
Mrs. Vesta Cadwallader.	

The following was read by chairman of Committee on Officers' Reports:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Mrs. President, and members of the Seventh Annual Convention of the Department of Illinois:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Officers' Reports, respectfully submit the following:

We commend the President's Address as an able and concise statement of her labors during the year. It not only shows her to have been just and faithful in office, but inspired by a true devotion to the interests, and thoughtfulness of the needs of our Order; as a conspicuous instance of which is manifest in her purchase of the beautiful banner which to-day graces the walls of our Assembly.

Believing her recommendations to be judicious provisions for the welfare of our organization, we hope they will meet with your hearty approval.

The report of the Department Senior Vice President, Mrs. Mary J. Stadden, though brief and disclaiming all credit, plainly shows that she has faithfully performed all duties required of her in her office. We take pleasure in approving her report.

The Department Secretary, Miss Martha Lindsey, presents an explicit and complete statement of the gain and loss in

our Order in this Department during the year, and shows an encouraging increase in growth, and in the amount expended for Relief in the different Corps. The Committee congratulates the Department Secretary upon the able and efficient manner in which her duties have been discharged.

The report of the Department Treasurer, Miss Ada Carlton, needs no words of ours to recommend it to the favorable consideration of this Convention. All who heard it must agree that natural qualifications, added to the practice which makes perfect, have placed the record of her year's work beyond criticism.

The very thorough and careful report of the Department Chaplain, Mrs. Mary R. Fletcher, shows that the number of Corps which responded to the call of Memorial Day, is greater than heretofore, and indicates an increasing interest in the sweet and tender observance of this sacred anniversary.

We recommend to your favorable consideration the report of the Department Inspector, Miss Josephine P. Cleveland, who has performed the duties of her responsible office in the usual perfect manner which distinguishes the zealous worker in the good cause. We are glad to learn of the general improvement in the Corps of our Department; and especially that they are becoming quickened to the deeper realization of the chief object of our organization—Charity. We believe the recommendations appended to this report merit approval as calculated to benefit the work and growth of our Order.

The report of the Department Counselor, Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, is marked by characteristic loyalty to the interests of our Order, and rare and loving thoughtfulness of others. It makes but brief and modest mention of wise council given—the fruit of knowledge gained by patient study and research—and of many weeks of arduous and disinterested toil. We deem it a privilege to express our approval of this report.

We can mention only in terms of praise the report of Department Instituting and Installing Officer, Mrs. Sarah E. Hannon.

This officer seems to have exerted herself to carry out not only the letter, but the spirit of the obligations of her office. We heartily endorse her suggestion, which she says has been heretofore mentioned, in regard to joining the G. A. R. and S. of V. at installations; thus making them happy and memorable occasions.

The report of the Delegate-at-Large, Mrs. Mary A. Bradley, is both interesting and instructive, and gives such a detailed account of the proceedings of the Seventh National Convention, as to afford information to those who were absent, and agreeably remind those who were present, of the pleasant and profitable features of that occasion.

The committee endorse her recommendation to appropriate a sum for defraying the expenses of delegates to the National Convention, but are of the opinion that the sum named is inadequate, and should be increased to such amount as this Convention may decide.

We would state in conclusion that the reports submitted to our review are an honor and credit to this Department, and we trust will prove a means of instruction and improvement in the respective corps to which they are sent.

The following are the recommendations contained in the several reports.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

- 1st. That the Department per capita tax remain the same:—eight cents per quarter.
- 2nd. That the salaries of Department Secretary and Treasurer remain the same—ten per cent of all per capita tax received.
- 3rd. In order that the Assistant Inspectors may have ample time to be prepared for the important work before them, the Department Inspector shall nominate her assistants for appointment by Department President, within two months after she is installed as Department Inspector.
- 4th. In order that Assistant Instituting and Installing Officers may be able to give the necessary instructions to all the officers at the time of Instituting a Corps, that new Corps be urged to have all the necessary supplies on hand

at time of Institution; such as Ledger, Cash Book, Requisitions, General Order File, Receipt and Order Books; and that one each of Corps Secretary's and Treasurer's quarterly blanks, Forms "A" and "B," be sent with "I and I," blanks to Assistant Instituting and Installing Officer, when she is appointed to institute the new Corps, that she may give the Secretary and Treasurer instructions to fill out the same.

5th. That the National and Department Journals be placed in the hands of the Department Treasurer in order that she may furnish each new Corps with a copy of each when sending their supplies; and thus be a saving of expense to Corps when instituted.

6th. That the retiring Department Secretary be given fifteen days instead of ten to convey to her successor a copy of the approved Minutes of the Convention after its close; and that said Minutes contain all Resolutions adopted by this Convention that are necessary for the new administration to know in order to push the work.

7th. That all retiring Department Secretaries see that there are sufficient blanks on hand at close of year to meet the present demand.

8th. That, in order to save expense, and that the duties of the office of Department Treasurer may be more systematically arranged, this Convention adopt such measures as it may deem efficient requiring Corps to order supplies between the first and eighth of each month.

9th. That no Corps be permitted to surrender its charter during the period of Inspection.

10th. That this Seventh Department Convention pass a Resolution to send to the next National Convention asking that the R. and R. be amended in conformity with those of the Grand Army, making a business quorum five (5) for Corps numbering 50 or under; those over that the same as before.

11th. That Corps be encouraged to meet oftener than once a month."

12th. That I. and I. officers be required to not fully organ-

ize the Corps until its officers hold one full meeting when the Ritual shall be entirely exemplified, and open all books, explain all blanks and papers before returning home.

13th. That instead of paying the expenses of one delegate-at-large, the sum of \$100 be set apart by this Department Convention to be equally divided among all the representatives of this Department who are in attendance on the Eighth National Convention.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

Signed { MARY M. WHITNEY,
VESTA CADWALLADER,
MARY YOST,
MARY E. McCAULEY.

Motion by Mrs. Moody, and seconded, that we adopt the report as a whole.

Mrs. Bender moved to amend by striking out the words "as a whole" and inserting "and act on it by sections." The amendment was seconded by Miss Cleveland and carried.

The motion as amended carried.

Moved that the Recommendations be acted upon separately. Seconded and carried.

Motion to adjourn until 8:30, Friday morning and that we take up as the first order of business after the reading of to-day's minutes the Recommendations of the Committee on Officers Reports. Seconded and carried.

THIRD DAY.—FORENOON.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1890.

Convention was opened at 8:30 a. m. with the Lord's Prayer and the Opening Ode.

After the password had been taken, Mrs. Flo Miller made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Sine, that only the final result of the ballot appear in the proceedings. After some remarks by Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Bender the motion was stated and carried.

Motion by Mrs. Bradley that all figures in ballots be left from records. Seconded by Mrs. Young and carried.

Motion by Mrs. Sine that a Stenographer be procured for next Department Convention. Seconded by Mrs. Howison and others. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Bristol that records of yesterday's session, as read and corrected be approved. Seconded by Mrs. Manahan, of Elgin, and carried.

Mrs. Sue A. Sanders spoke of an important report she had to read.

Motion by Mrs. Sine seconded by Mrs. Kyle that we hear Mrs. Sanders' report of the Executive Board. Carried.

PRESIDENT: "Ladies, the report of the Executive Board comes in the Council Minutes and the Dep't Secretary has requested Mrs. Sanders, chairman of Executive Board, to read it, which she will do in its proper place."

The Council Minutes were read as follows:

TREMONT HOUSE, QUINCY, ILL., MARCH 11, 1890.

The Council was called to order by Department President, Mrs. Leaverton, at 3:00 p. m. with all members present except the Chaplain.

The minutes of the Council Meeting held February 22, 1889, were read:

HOTEL PALACE, FEB. 22, 1889.

In accordance with provisions in R. and R. the Dep't

Council for 1889 met in Hotel Palace room 19 at 3 p. m.

Department President, Mrs. Leaverton, in the chair. Present, Mesdames Bradford, Distin, Sine, Stadden, Sanders, Pitkin, Fletcher, Freeman, Misses Carlton and Cleveland—Secretary—pro tem.

The case of the little cripple boy, recommended by the National President in a circular, also by letter to Past Dep't President Mrs. Bradford concerning his situation, having been overlooked by the Convention just closed, Mrs. Bradford more fully explained the case, and read the letter, etc., and expressed the hope that some action would be taken by the Council in the matter.

Mrs. Sanders moved that the Dep't President attend to this matter in her first General Orders, suggesting to Corps to contribute 50cts each, as recommended in the letter from National President. Seconded by Mrs. Sine. Carried.

Mrs. Sanders also moved that the Proceedings of the Fifth Annual Convention, and the others so far as they would go, be distributed to Corps, reserving about two hundred with the Treasurer for new Corps. Seconded by Mrs. Distin. Carried.

Mrs. Bradford moved that Dep't President correspond with Mrs. Gertie Rogers, Secretary of Pension and Relief Committee, concerning the intention of the telegram about Nurses, and act in accordance by consent of the Council through General Orders. Seconded by Mrs. Cleveland. Carried.

On motion of Mrs. Sanders, and seconded by Mrs. Sine, that 1000 copies of the Sixth Annual Convention Proceedings be printed and sent out as follows: four (4) be sent to Corps (1 for file and the three to the President, S. V. P. and J. V. P. for reference), reserving a supply of 200 for Corps yet to be formed and the residue for sale on application from members for 15cts. each. Carried.

The matter of obsolete papers, blanks, etc., in the possession of Dep't Secretary was mentioned by Miss Cleveland and she recommended that some action be taken in regard to such.

Mrs. Stadden moved, seconded by Mrs. Bradford that obsolete papers, blanks, etc., be looked over by the Dep't President, and such as were in her opinion of no further use be destroyed and those concerning which she was doubtful reserve for action by the Dep't Council. Carried.

A communication having been given to Dep't President concerning Roster, to be printed by Mr. C. F. Fairbanks, of 113 Adams street, Chicago, for free distribution, the date to be furnished by Dep't Secretary as soon as practicable, he to furnish according to his letter 200 copies without advertisements and 1000 with, to the Dep't *free*.

Motion by Mrs. Sine seconded by Mrs. Bradford that his proposal be accepted. Carried.

No further business Council adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

These minutes approved.

JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND,

Dep't Secretary.

PALACE HOTEL, 5 P. M.

Dep't President called the members of the Council together at 5 p. m. to transact further business coming up. President in the chair. Present, Mesdames Bradford, Sine, Freeman, Misses Carlton and Cleveland, Secretary.

The President explained that the matter of a Dep't Relief Fund had not been acted upon by the Convention and she had summoned such members of the Council as were still in the Hotel to take some action in the matter.

Mrs. Bradford seconded by Mrs. Freeman, of Palestine, moved that fifty (50) dollars be set apart for such fund, out of the proceeds from the first quarter's per capita tax. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Bradford seconded by Miss Carlton that the minutes be approved. Approved.

JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND,

Dep't Secretary.

PALACE HOTEL, 8 P. M.

Dep't President summoned those of the Council in the building to attend to more business, which had been forgot-

ten. Dep't President in the chair. Present, Mesdames Bradford, Freeman, Misses Carlton and Cleveland.

Dep't President desired to appoint the committee, provided by a former resolution to procure two (2) suitable badges, one for the retiring President and the other to be deposited with Dep't Treasurer, till needed to present to the present encumbrent

Such committee to be Mrs. Minnie Kyle and Mrs. Charlotte E. Newburn of Chicago. Dep't President to instruct them to procure these at as early a day as practicable, and send one to Mrs. Bradford. Approved.

Mrs. Bradford moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mrs. Freeman. Approved.

On motion adjourned to meet at call of the Department President.

JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND,
Secretary.

A report of the work done by the Executive Board during the year was read by the Chairman, Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, as follows:

DELAVER, ILL., MARCH 8, 1890.

MISS MARTHA LINDSEY,

Dep't Secretary, W. R. C. of Illinois:

I hereby submit to the Department Council the report of the work of the Executive Board for the past year.

By request of Mrs. D. A. Leaverton, Dep't President, I issued Circular letter to the members of the Board asking their sanction of the request for me to audit the books of Department Treasurer during the year. Having received their approval, I have acted in accordance, and audited the accounts three times.

Owing to unavoidable delay they were not audited until late in the first quarter.

The office of Department Treasurer, Miss Ada Carlton, was always found in order, well filled with necessary supplies as far as possible, and her accounts correct.

Remembering that the matter of a Souvenir Badge had

been placed in the hands of the Board, I turned to the records of Sixth Dep't Convention which seem obscure on the subject, yet follow the approved Article, No. 8, which says that any change in size or shape must be placed in the hands of the Board.

I at once corresponded with the members in regard to the matter, asking suggestions from each, all seeming to agree in the idea that the "Sucker" must be reduced in size, and if possible made more attractive. Suffice it to say, the undertaking was a matter of no small dimensions. Mrs. Pitkin living in Chicago was asked to secure samples and figures on the same. Having visited many houses, she found little encouragement, and thought best to await a time, when together we might canvas the city. In the meantime I wrote to houses in Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia and New York stating the desires of the Committee, some replied, but *more* did not notice my request for samples. I visited Chicago, Bloomington, Peoria and Jacksonville, to see what I could do personally. Mrs. Pitkin's and my experience up to the time of National Convention amounted to considerable but resulted in nothing that we were willing to accept and place upon our Department.

While we were aware of the fact that we were being censured for not having a Souvenir for National Convention, we were willing to suffer censure rather than to place a bill of expense upon the Department for a Souvenir that the Committee might refuse to accept.

Since that time I have corresponded with different firms I have seen advertised but all to no avail. Finally, determined not to fail in the execution of duty, I prevailed upon a jeweler of my own town to assist me; *his* correspondence availed nothing, and now almost totally discouraged and ready to recommend that Illinois have no Souvenir Badge, my friend promised to make and secure me some samples, which after months of waiting, I have secured for your approval or rejection.

The facts in the case are these: all firms with whom we corresponded or visited, thought there was not money

enough in the manufacture of the "suckers" to warrant their time to devise. The friend who so kindly assisted us, has visited Chicago twice, done much corresponding, and paid for the silver that is contained in the samples. I present them to you, and though small, you have no idea of the amount of talk and writing it has taken to be able to present these small specimens.

The manufacturer of these samples has applied for patent, thereby reserving the sole manufacture of the same, which in consideration of the amount of labor and expense he has assumed, we can but justify his claims.

We present the same with their prices for manufacturing, and beg lief to submit the following recommendations.

1. That this Committee be asked to make a statement of the labor performed in securing these samples, to the Seventh Convention, that all of the Convention may see the demands in the case, and vote wisely on the adoption or rejection of a sample presented.

Sec. II. That these samples be examined by every member of the Convention before the vote is taken.

Sec. III. That the Convention as a whole have a voice in the election of a Souvenir pin.

2. Your Executive Board would hereby recommend that the "Silver Sucker" hung by the mouth to a plain bar pin be adopted by this Convention as a suitable Souvenir for the Dep't of Illinois W. R. C.

3. Stricken out.

4. In regard to the bill of Thirty-four dollars and Ninety-one cents presented to defray the expenses of Miss Cleveland and Mrs. Bradford to answer the appeal of Mrs. Sanders to National President, we recommend that the bill be not allowed.

5. Bill of twenty dollars and twenty-five cents, (\$20.25) of Mrs. Sander's for auditing Treasurer's books and necessary expenses to secure souvenir badge, we recommend paid.

6. We recommend that the Department President be reimbursed for five dollars and twenty-five cents expended for

framing Department Charter, and wreath for Lincoln's tomb.

7. That twenty-five dollars be set apart as a contingent fund, for the good of the Order, in the hands of the Department President.

8. That pictures of all Past Department Presidents be inserted in the proceedings.

The Executive Board have, so far as the cash account of the Department Secretary and Treasurer are concerned, examined the books and found Two Hundred and Twelve dollars and Nineteen cents in Department Treasurer's hands.

In closing our report we can but speak in highest commendation of the manner in which the books of our Department have been kept by Department Secretary and Treasurer. Their fidelity is worthy of imitation by those who follow in their footsteps.

SUE A. SANDERS,	} Executive Board.
SALLIE FREEMAN,	
MARILLA WARD,	
LORRAINE J. PITKIN,	
JULIA G. SINE.	

A motion by Mrs. Sine, seconded by Mrs. Pitkin, that Recommendation No. 1, of Executive Board, be acted on by sections. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Distin, seconded by Mrs. Carlton that Section I. of Recommendation No. 1 be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. Bradford made a motion, seconded by Miss Cleveland that Section II. of Recommendation No. 1 be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Distin, seconded by Mrs. Stadden that Section III. of Recommendation No. 1 be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. Distin moved that Recommendation No. 2 be adopted by the council. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sine and carried.

Motion by Mrs. Sine seconded by Mrs. Ward that the council do not concur in Recommendation No. 4, and that the Bill of Thirty-four dollars and Ninety-one cents for the expenses of the Committee to answer Mrs. Sanders' appeal to

National Convention be paid. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Sine, seconded by Mrs. Bradford that Recommendation No. 5 be adopted and the Bill of Twenty Dollars and Twenty-five cents be paid. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Stadden, seconded by Mrs. Sine, that the work of Executive Board for past year be accepted. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Bradford, seconded by Miss Cleveland, that Recommendation No. 6 be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Freeman that the pictures of all Past Department Presidents be placed in the Seventh Dep't Proceedings, Seconded by Miss Carlton and carried.

Moved by Mrs. Stadden, seconded by Miss Cleveland, that the Minutes be read. Carried.

After the reading of Minutes by Secretary a motion was made by Mrs. Stadden and seconded by Mrs. Freeman, that these Minutes be approved. Carried.

A motion to adjourn to meet at the call of the President, Seconded and carried.

MARTHA LINDSEY,

Department Secretary.

Motion by Mrs. Bristol seconded by Mrs. Bradley that the Convention accept the minutes of the Council and pay the bill of the Committee to answer the appeal of Mrs. Sanders.

Mrs. Sanders moved to amend by inserting the words "and the Committee be discharged."

The amendment was seconded and carried.

Motion as amended. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Manlove, that we adopt the small fish, placing the word "Illinois" on the bar.

Mrs. Bender moved to amend by striking out the words "Illinois on the bar." Seconded by Mrs. Hles and carried.

Motion as amended. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Bradley that we order one thousand silver Souvenir Badges and furnish them to members of this Department at sixty cents each. Seconded by Mrs. Eldred.

and carried.

Moved by Mrs. Sine that the securing of this badge be left in the hands of Mrs. Sanders. Seconded by Mrs. Howison and carried.

Motion by Mrs. Hurlburt that we adopt Seventy-five cts., as the price of Silver Souvenir badge to all persons not members of this Department. Seconded by Mrs. Kyle and carried.

A communication from Celestia D. Messenger was read by the Secretary.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bradley that the vote be returned and the lady asked to await the coming of National President.

Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Sanders moved to postpone the School of Instruction for this Convention indefinitely. Seconded and carried.

A motion to adjourn was seconded and carried.

THIRD DAY.—AFTERNOON.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1890.

The Convention was called to order by the President at 1:30.

The records of Thursday evening were read.

Motion by Mrs. Bender, seconded by Mrs. Kyle, that the records be approved as read. Carried.

Upon the announcement that National President must leave, Mrs. Bradley moved that we give her a rising vote of thanks for kind words. Seconded and carried.

Motion by Mrs. Stadden with several seconds, that Department of Illinois W. R. C., extend greetings through National President, to the several Department Conventions to be visited by her. Carried.

After being presented with badge and bouquet, Mrs. Wittenmeyer was escorted to her carriage.

The Assistant Secretary read communication and decision of National President in the Messinger case as follows:

Motion by Mrs. Stadden, seconded by Mrs. Bradley, that this letter be placed on the record and a copy sent to Mrs. Messinger. Carried.

QUINCY, ILL., M. CH 14, 1890

MRS. ANNA WITTENMEYER, NAT'L PRES., W. R. C.,

DEAR MADAM:

Inasmuch as the Seventh Department Convention decided to leave the business concerning Mrs. Celestia D. Messenger until your arrival, we respectfully ask you to decide whether or not this Department has any jurisdiction in the matter.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

HELENA A. LEAVERTON,

Department President.

MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN,

Department Secretary.

QUINCY, ILL., MARCH 14, 1890.

MRS. DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

Department President W. R. C. Quincy, Ill.

DEAR MADAM:

In answer to your question as to the relation of the Department of Illinois to the case of Mrs. Celestia D. Messenger, I have to state that as Mrs. Messenger appealed her case to the National Convention and it is now in the hands of a committee of appeals authorized by that body, your Department Convention has no jurisdiction. Nor has the National President any jurisdiction in the case.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

ANNIE WITTENMYER,

National President.

Recommendations as stated in Report of Committee on officers' Reports.

On motion of Mrs. Bender, seconded by Mrs. Sine, Recommendation No. 1 was adopted.

On motion by Mrs. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Ward, Recommendation No. 2 was adopted.

On motion of Miss Cleveland, seconded by Mrs. Bender, No. 3 was adopted.

On motion by Mrs. Bradford, seconded by Mrs. Ward, to adopt No. 4. Carried.

On motion of Mrs. Bender, seconded by Miss Cleveland, No. 5 was adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Bender, seconded by Mrs. Bristol, No. 6 was adopted.

Moved by Mrs. Bradford, seconded by Mrs. Bender, that No. 7 be adopted. Carried.

On motion of Mrs. Bender, seconded by Mrs. Barber, No. 8 was not accepted.

On motion of Mrs. Bender, seconded by Mrs. Sanders, No. 9 was adopted.

Mrs. Bradford moved to adopt No. 10. Mrs. McCollough seconded.

Mrs. Sanders moved to amend by striking out "50." Seconded by Mrs. Bender. The amendment was lost.

The motion was then put before the house and carried.

Motion by Mrs. Bradford to adopt No. 11. Seconded by Mrs. Sanders and carried.

Motion by Mrs. Sine to adopt No. 12. Seconded by Mrs.

Wyckhoff and carried.

Motion by Mrs. Bender, seconded by Mrs. Tateman, to reject No. 13. Discussion resulted in Mrs. Pitkin moving as a substitute for reject that the one hundred dollars be divided between the Delegate-at-Large, and Delegates in attendance at every Session. Seconded by Mrs. Sine.

Much discussion followed. By vote of 17 to 21 the substitute was carried.

Motion by Mrs. Distin, seconded by Mrs. Pitkin, to reconsider the substitute. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Sanders, seconded by Miss Bross to lay on the table. Carried 31 to 16.

Miss Josephene P. Cleveland, Chairman of Committee on Resolutions, read the following:

RESOLUTIONS.

1. Resolved, That this Convention set apart one hundred dollars (\$100) to be divided equally among the Representatives from Illinois in attendance at the Eighth National Convention.

MARY A. BRADLEY.

2. Resolved, That Department President be instructed to place the names of all Past Corps and Past Dep't Presidents and Past Dep't Officers upon their mailing list that they may receive all General Orders.

SUE M. SIMPSON,
VESTA CADWALLADER,
LORRAINE J. PITKIN.

3. Whereas, the amendment, made by the last National Convention in Chap., II. Art. IV. Sec. 4, Rules and Regulations, demanding the return of the badge when a member applies for an honorable discharge from our Order, gives great dissatisfaction for the reason that the member who is dropped for non-payment of dues, or is dishonorably discharged, may retain her badge, while one who is honorably discharged must surrender hers which she would like to keep as a souvenir, it thus works a great injustice. Therefore be it

Resolved, That this Convention ask the National Convention to restore the reading of the Section as it stands in Rules and Regulations of 1888.

The Committee would respectfully include Sec. 9, Art. XV., Chap. V.; also that the resolution be made to include all discharged mem-

bers.

MRS. TATEMAN,
 " YOST,
 " WARD,
 MISS CLEVELAND.

4. Resolved, That the Department of Illinois W. R. C. present to the legislature of this state, a bill asking that the property of all soldiers, sailors and marines, and the widows of all soldiers, sailors and marines, that will not bring more than two thousand dollars under the hammer, be exempt from taxation.

MRS. TATEMAN.

Quincy, Ill, March 13, 1890.

5. Resolved, That this Convention endorse the excellent work and loyalty of the Daughters of Veterans, and extend to them an earnest request that they become a part and factor of our Order.

MRS. HELEN F. BRISTOL,
 MARY J. STADDEN,
 SUE A. SANDERS.

6. Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be especially tendered Gov. Fifer for the grand and noble sentiments he uttered at the Camp Fire, in regard to the Women of the Nation, their charity, intelligence, and his desire for their equal privileges in the Nation.

LIZZIE F. LONG, Corps No. 91.

7. Whereas, Mrs. Lippencott, Matron of the Soldiers' Home at Quincy, Ill., has expressed it as her conviction that the gift especially desired by the Home is a memorial to the dead. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Department of the W. R. C. take as a special work for this year the erection of a suitable monument to the dead at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy, Ill. That a committee be appointed by the Dep't President to obtain estimate of probable cost and arrange plans for collection of funds for the same.

SALOME F. WILSON, Corps No. 118, Lincoln, Ill.

JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND.

8. Resolved, That as the Officially appointed organist of this Convention, we extend to Mrs. Eva Munson Smith our warmest thanks for her efforts in furnishing music during our Convention.

SUE A. SANDERS,
 MISS CLEVELAND.

9. Whereas, the 24th Annual Encampment of the Dep't of Illinois, G. A. R., in convention assembled did unanimously adopt the recommendation of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home committee favoring the keeping of the children at the Home until they were sixteen years of age instead of fourteen as now allowed, and that the last two years be devoted to manual training so that they may go out into the world

better fitted to meet its trials and struggles, and

Whereas, we, the Woman's Relief Corps, now assembled, believe that the girls should be allowed the same favoring prospects as the boys so that they may be fitted for a higher position in life than a mere menial one; Therefore be it Resolved, That the Woman's Relief Corps of the State of Illinois use all honorable means in furtherance of this end and that a committee be appointed for this purpose, to prepare a petition to present to all corps in this state and when the Legislature is in session, to present resolution with petition to the same body at an early day of the session.

Yours in F. C. & L.

MRS. J. B. HOWISON,
MISS J. P. CLEVELAND.

10. Resolved, That each Corps instruct its Delegates to hereafter remain and give strict attention to business and not absent themselves from Sessions until after the Election of Department officers and other business of the Department.

MRS. M. HARRINGTON, CORPS 18.
MRS. EMMA ROBERTS CORPS 80.

11. Resolved, That hereafter ballots be placed in the hands of the who may retire and count the same while the business of Convention continues.

VESTA CADWALLADER,
CARRIE BRIGGS,
ARTEMESIA HALL.

12. Resolved That Roberts' Rules of Order be adopted as the authority on Parliamentary Practice for Department of Illinois, W. R. C.

COMMITTEE.

Whereas, Mrs. Follensbee has been prompt in attendance, and untiring in her effort to give to the papers such full and able reports of this Convention, Therefore, Resolved: That this Convention return a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. Follensbee for services rendered.

SARAH M. BRADFORD,
SARAH E. HANNON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

MRS. PRESIDENT:

We, the Committee on Resolutions, desire to submit, the following report of our duties, to-wit:

No. 1, not recommended.

" 2, recommended.

" 3, recommended.

" 4, not recommended.

" 5, recommended.

" 6, recommended.

" 7, recommended.

" 8, recommended.

" 9, recommended.

" 10, recommended.

" 11, recommended.

And also,

That the thanks of this Seventh Annual Convention, W. R. C. assembled at Quincy March 12, 13 and 14, be tendered to the citizens for their cordial invitation and generous hospitality, thus surpassing the promises made to the Sixth Annual Convention by Col. Distin and more than five hundred other citizens; also to the local committee of arrangements for the untiring and efficient manner in which it has dispensed its hospitality on this occasion, in providing so abundantly for the many demands upon it, especially for the appropriate place of meeting, the Presbyterian church. Also, that the thanks of this Convention are tendered to Mrs. Annie Wittenmeyer, National President, for making it convenient to visit this Convention assembled, and for her wise counsels while here, and also for the grand, noble, and instructive address at the Camp Fire Wednesday night, thus raising to a higher standard the W. R. C.

Also to Major Rowland, Sup't of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy, for his invitation to visit it and for his untiring efforts to entertain and interest all visitors,, also to the managers of all Railroads who by reducing their rates permitted so many to avail themselves of the privilege of attending this Convention. Especially thanks to Chairman of Western States Passenger Association C. B. & Q, Wabash, Vandalia, C. & N. W., Ill. Central & Cario Short Line.

Respectfully Submitted in F. C. & L.,

MARILLA WARD,	} Committee.
C. MELL HURT,	
MECIA TATMAN,	
M. J. STADDEN,	
JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND.	

Motion by Mrs. Sander, seconded by Mrs. Bradford, to act

on Resolutions separately. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Briggs, seconded by Mrs Bradford, to lay Resolution No. 1 on the table.. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Bradley, seconded by several, to adopt Resolution No. 2. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Barber, seconded by Miss Bross, that No. 3 be rejected. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Bender, seconded by Mrs. Distin, to reject Resolution No. 4. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Bradford that No. 5 be adopted. Seconded by several and carried.

Moved by Mrs. Sanders, seconded by Mrs. Howison, to adopt No. 6 by making it to read "equal rights" instead of "equal privileges." Adopted.

Moved by Mrs. Sanders, seconded by Mrs. Ward that No. 7 be adopted and Committee appointed. Carried.

Moved by Mrs Bradford, seconded by Miss Bross, to adopt No. 8. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Bristol, seconded by Mrs. Miller that No. 9 be adopted. Carried by a rising vote.

Motion by Mrs. Sanders, seconded by Mrs. Barber, that No. 10 be adopted. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Distin, seconded by Mrs. Barber, that No. 11 be adopted. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Sanders, that Resolution of thanks be adopted unanimously. Carried.

Resolution No. 12 read.

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Distin, to adopt.

Mrs. Stadden moved to amend by striking out the word "Roberts" in Resolutions No. 12 and inserting the word "Cushing." The amendment was seconded by Mrs Kyle and carried.

The motion as amended. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Sanders that Department President appoint a Committee of one to visit Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Normal and report at next annual Convention. Seconded by Mrs. Fletcher. Carried.

The Department President explained that the lady receiv-

ing the highest number of votes as alternate would be Alternate-at-Large, thus making the seventeenth lady elected (Mrs. Barber) the last alternate.

Motion by Mrs. Stadden, seconded by Mrs. Howison, that the banners presented to Dep't. at National Conventions, be the property of retiring Department Presidents, after placing it on exhibition at the following Dep't Convention. Carried:

The following report of the Flag Committee was submitted.

Palestine, Ill., March 29, 1889.

Mrs. SUE A. SANDERSON, Chairman of Committee,

Delevan, Ill.

Dear Madam:—The following is the resolution as copied off the Record as presented at the Sixth Annual Convention Dep't Ill. W. R. C.:

WHEREAS: One of the principal objects to which the Woman's Relief Corps stands pledged is, "To inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country in the communities in which we live." and

WHEREAS: Fully believing that an early love and reverence for our flag will do much to strengthen loyalty and destroy Anarchy and Communism now gaining a foot-hold in our country. Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Department of Ill. W. R. C. present to the legislature in session at Springfield, a bill providing for the purchase of an American flag to be hung in every school house in the State of Illinois. And be it further

RESOLVED: That the teachers be requested to impart lessons of patriotism for the country it represents.

Respectfully submitted in F. C & L.

E. R. McCULLOUGH,

S. E. HANNON,

E. M. KITZMILLER,

AGNES MOODY,

ARTEMISEA HALL, Chairman.

On motion of Mrs. Sanders, seconded by Mrs. Minnemyer, approved.

Delevan, Ill., March 10, 1890.

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

Pres. Dep't Ill. W. R. C.

Your Committee to whom was referred the above resolutions, to present to the Ill. Legislature for action, would most respectfully submit the following report.

The appointment of this Committee reached the Chairman April 2, 1889, asking her to appoint the third member of the

Committee which resulted in placing Mrs. Lida A. Oldroyd, of Springfield, Ill., with that of Mrs. Flo Miller, of Monticello, Ill., already appointed by Dep't Pres.

Correspondence was immediately opened with the Committee as also with a number of the Legislators as to the proper manner of bringing this matter before the House of Representatives. Owing to a resolution that had already passed the House, no bills could be presented after April 1. The Resolutions were returned to us, no further action on the matter being in our favor. Had we received the appointment and Resolutions sooner we might have succeeded in securing the passage of a bill in accordance with the above Resolutions.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

SUE A. SANDERS,
FLO MILLER.

Motion by Mrs Sine, seconded by Mrs. Bross, to adopt the report and place it on the Record. *Carried.*

Motion by Mrs. Sine, seconded by Mrs. Bradford, that a hearty vote of thanks be returned to Conductor and Guard. *Carried.*

Motion by Mrs. Bradford, seconded by Mrs. Ward, that as soon as records are read we proceed with the Installation of officers. *Carried.*

Motion by Mrs. Bradford, seconded by Mrs. Stadden that records with corrections be adopted. *Carried.*

Miss Cleveland read the Resolution in Proceedings of last year's Convention regarding Past Department Presidents' badge.

Motion by Mrs. Bradford, Seconded by Mrs. Sanders, that Committee appointed last year on badge for President be retained and authorized to use same amount as set aside, for testimonial. *Carried.*

The Guard announced Mrs. S. E. Hannon, Dep't, I. & I. Officer. Mrs. Hannon was received with the usual ceremony and escorted to the platform.

The President requested Department officers to follow her and deposit badges on the altar, while the organist play-

ed a suitable march.

After prayer by Mrs. Mary Fletcher, Department Chaplain, the I. & I. Officers proceeded to install the following Officers:

Department President,	Delilah A. Leaverton,	Palestine.
" S. V. President,	Jennie Bross,	Morris.
" Chaplain,	Anna Morgan,	Monmouth.
" Treasurer,	Ada Carlton,	Bloomington.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Mary J. Stadden, Springfield, Sue A. Sanders, Delevan,
Flo Miller, Monticello.

The Junior Vice President, Mrs. Ellen A. Brydges, and two members of the Ex. Board, Mrs. Hubbard and Mrs. Simpson, were not present to be installed.

The Dep't. President made the following appointments:

Secretary,	Martha Lindsey,	Palestine.
Inspector,	Mary E. McCauley,	Olney.
Counselor,	Clara W. Harral,	Aurora.
I. & I. Officer,	Charlotte E. Newburn,	Chicago.

The Secretary was duly installed, but the other three ladies had returned to their homes.

The records were then read and on motion of Mrs. Elderd, seconded by Mrs. Stitsel, they were adopted as read.

Motion by Mrs. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. Morgan, to adjourn to meet at call of President.

I hereby certify that these records are, to the best of my knowledge, correct.

MARTHA LINDSEY,

Department Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
PALESTINE, MARCH 9, 1889.

GENERAL ORDERS }
NO. 1. }

Appreciating fully the honor conferred by the Sixth Annual Convention Woman's Relief Corps, held at Springfield, Feb. 20-22, 1889, in electing me President of the Department of Illinois W. R. C., and realizing the many responsibilities of the position, I hereby assume the duties of the office.

With an earnest desire for the advancement of our noble Order, a deep love for the principles and objects for which we are banded together, and faith in the ability of women to execute and carry into effect any good work they may undertake, let me, therefore, urge every member in this Department to take up the work with renewed zeal and faithfulness, that the coming year may be one of continued prosperity and harmony. Let me impress upon the mind of every member the importance of becoming familiar with the rules and teachings of our charitable organization and follow the same, one of which is, "Whatsoever you would that others should do unto you, do you even so unto them."

Let your fidelity be apparent to all. Remember your sacred Obligation; and above all remember for whom we work.

Show to the community in which we live and to the Grand Army of the Republic, whose honored auxiliary we are, that we are an earnest band of SENSIBLE WOMEN.

The reports of the Department officers at the Sixth Annual Convention show a vast amount of good work done the past year.

It was truly gratifying to receive the cordial greeting of the 23rd Annual Encampment G. A. R., Department of Illinois, held in Springfield Feb 20th and 21st, and the encouragement contained in the following: RESOLVED, that this encampment hereby tenders its



MRS. JULIA G. SINE.
1884-5.



MRS. CLARA W. HARRAL.
1886.



MRS. SUE A. SANDERS.
1887.



MRS. SARAH M. BRADFORD.
1888.

FIRST FOUR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS,
ILLINOIS, W. R. C.

grateful thanks to the Woman's Relief Corps of this state for the noble work of the past year, in so generously aiding our distressed comrades and their families, and also for their many contributions to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, at Quincy, by means of which the cottages and hospitals, otherwise lacking in adornment, have been made bright, attractive and homelike to those of our comrades who have sought their shelter.

The high compliment of a unanimous re-election was offered our retiring Department President, Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, but she felt that duty to herself and family forbade her acceptance of the honor. But the Department will not lose her valuable service as she has accepted the office of Department Counselor.

I. Dep't Headquarters for the ensuing year will be at Palestine, Crawford County, and the following officers have been duly installed:

President,	Delilah A. Leaverton,	Corps No. 5, Palestine.
S. V. President,	Mary J. Stadden,	Corps No. 17, Springfield.
J. V. President,	Laura E. Distin,	Corps No. 47, Quincy.
Treasurer,	Ada Carlton,	Corps No. 7, Bloomington.
Chaplain,	Mary R. Fletcher,	Corps No. 16, Morris.

Staff Officers appointed.

Secretary,	Martha Lindsey,	Corps No. 5, Palestine.
Inspector,	Josephine P. Cleveland,	Corps No. 17, Springfield.
Counselor,	Sarah M. Bradford,	Corps No. 32, Augusta.
I. & I. Officer,	Sarah E. Hannon,	Corps No. 88, Chicago.

Executive Board.

Sue A. Sanders, Delevan,
 Sarah Freeman, Palestine,
 Marilla Ward, Gibson City,
 Lorraine J. Pitkin, Chicago,
 Julia G. Sine, Rockford.

Delegates to National Convention:

Delegate-at-Large,	Mary A. Bradley,	Deeatur.
Alternate,	M. E. Lippencott,	Rockford.

Delegates:

Jennie Bross, Morris.
 Inez Bender, Monticello.
 Lorraine Pitkin, Chicago.
 Minnie M. Kyle, Chicago.
 Mary P. Gale, Lacon.

Alternates:

Margaret I. Sandes, Chicago.
 Eliza Torrence, Pontiac.
 Charlotte E. Newburn, Chicago.
 Mary Eldred, Gardner.
 Susie C. Davis, Springfield.

These officers will be obeyed and respected accordingly. Further announcements will be made in future Orders.

II. All requisitions for corps supplies must be addressed to Miss Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, Bloomington, Ill. Money or-

ders and return postage must accompany the same.

III. All correspondence pertaining to Corps affairs, Reports, Returns, Taxes, etc., should be addressed to Miss Martha Lindsey, Department Secretary, Palestine, Crawford Co., Ill.

IV. The receipt of official letters and General Orders should be acknowledged by Corps receiving them.

V. Two blanks each for Secretary and Treasurer's reports for the quarter ending March 31, 1889, accompany this Order. Corps Presidents are responsible for these reports and will see that they are promptly and correctly made. One copy of each report should be retained as a duplicate and filed with Corps papers.

VI. The secretary's report starts out with the number reported "remaining in good standing" on last report. This number in RED INK must not be changed. Add to this the GAINS from whatever source; and deduct losses, if any. In no case deduct the number reported "dropped" having been previously suspended as they were deducted when reported suspended.

VII. Corps Presidents should be careful to see that secretary and treasurer's reports agree as to the number remaining in good standing at the end of quarter. The number remaining in good standing MUST AGREE with the amount of per capita tax and all should be footed up CORRECTLY.

VIII. Corps presidents will forward secretary and treasurer's reports accompanied by PER CAPITA TAX, to Miss Martha Lindsey, Department Secretary, Palestine, Crawford Co., Ill., for record. To save expense, the money orders for per capita tax should be made payable to Miss Ada Carlton, Bloomington, Ill.

IX. Reports are due April 1st and Corps Presidents should see that they are mailed on that day. It is to be hoped that they will not be delayed, as it is desirable to make as complete and early a report as possible to National Headquarters. We wish to have no Corps reported delinquent.

X. The per capita tax remains the same, eight cents per quarter for each member in good standing.

XI. The Department Pass-word will be mailed you upon receipt of Secretary and Treasurer's reports and per capita tax.

XII. All official communications and General Orders are sent to Corps Presidents to be read by Secretary at next regular meeting and filed in Letter file and Order file for future reference.

XIII. Especial attention of corps presidents is called to Circular Letter No. 1, from National Headquarters accompanying this Order. Mrs. Charity Rusk Craig, National President, suggests that ample funds will be raised if corps vote fifty cents each to be sent to Department

president to forward. Should there be any of the funds remaining after the case is completed, it will be returned to Departments according to amount contributed and would recommend that Corps authorize that the amount returned go into Department relief fund.

She further says, "I shall feel well paid for my labor this year in the Order if this treatment is carried through successfully, and this child placed in a fair way to become a useful member of society, and help to his parents in their old age."

Relying upon the generosity of Illinois W. R. C., we feel assured that the National President's wish will meet, as far as money can advance it with a speedy fulfillment.

XIV. All Past Department officers who have not, will please turn over Department badge and Rituals to their successors.

By Command of

DELLAH A. LEAVERTON,

Department President.

MARTHA LINDSEY,

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
PALESTINE, APRIL 15th, 1889.

CIRCULAR)

No. 1. }

The following information is given for the benefit of Posts desiring the formation of Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Special attention is called to our "Objects," Chap. 1, Art. 2, Rules and Regulations.

"Sec. 1. To specially aid and assist the Grand Army of the Republic, and to perpetuate the memory of their heroic dead.

"Sec. 2. To assist such Union veterans as need our help and protection, and to extend needful aid to their widows and orphans.

"To find them homes and employment, and assure them of sympathy and friends. To cherish and emulate the deeds of our army nurses, and of all loyal women who rendered loving service to their country in her hour of peril.

"Sec. 3. To inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country among our children and in the communities in which we live; to discountenance whatever tends to weaken loyalty and to encourage the spread of universal liberty and equal rights to all men."

Also Chap. 1, Art. 4. "Eligibility." All loyal women of good moral

character, who have attained the age of sixteen, are eligible to membership without reference to relationship to the soldier.

Application for charter must be made upon regular blanks furnished by Department Headquarters. This application must have at least ten (10) signatures of women eligible to membership, and be endorsed by the Commander of the Post applying for Charter. Said application together with Money Order or Draft, for Charter fee and supplies, must be sent to these Headquarters, Money Order or Draft made payable to Miss Ada Carlton, Dep't Treasurer, Bloomington, Ill.

The names of those present at Institution of Corps and Installation, are the only names to appear upon the Charter; for this reason Charters cannot be sent to the Corps till after the report of Institution is received at Headquarters. A dispensation cannot be granted by which other names may be added.

Upon receipt of application duly signed and endorsed, together with the necessary amount for Charter fees and Supplies, a Charter will be issued and the Department President will designate some suitable person to institute the Corps, install the officers and give the necessary instruction.

Corps must bear the name of Post to which they are auxiliary.

The membership fee is not less than One Dollar, price of badge to be added thereto. See page 5, R. R. The fee for Charter Members also is One Dollar and price of badge added, to avoid hard feelings by those who enter the Corps soon after its organization. Charter members may raise the necessary fee in any way deemed advisable.

Care should be taken that no mistake is made in the selection of charter members. The future of a Corps largely depends upon the choice thus made. The order needs intelligent, zealous, unselfish workers, who will join our ranks out of love for and to assist us in carrying out the principles of our Order.

Should the community be small in which the Corps is organized, and many reside at a distance, there should be a sufficient number who reside in the city to form a good working quorum—eight at least.

Officers for a Corps must not be elected until after Corps is organized, and then under the direction of the Instituting officer. To save time they may be selected at a preliminary meeting, but with due reference to their ability.

Treasurer of new Corps must give bond at installation, or before the next regular meeting. She must give to the President all money received for the corps and take a receipt therefor prior to giving bond.

All letters pertaining to Decisions, Discipline, Law and Dispensations, should be addressed to the Department President, Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton, Palestine.

All correspondence pertaining to Corps affairs, reports and returns, dues, etc., should be addressed to the Dep't Secretary, Miss Martha

Lindsey, Palestine.

Corps must pay express charges or postage on all supplies ordered from Department Headquarters.

The following is a list of supplies necessary for a corps of 20 members:

Charter, Rituals and officer's cards.....	\$ 5 00
10 officers' badges, 40 cents each.....	4 00
10 membership badges, 40 cents each.....	4 00
2 Installation books, 25 cents each.....	50
20 Rules and Regulations, 7 cents each.....	1 40
*Corps requisitions (20 in a book with stub).....	20
15 Ode cards, .01½ cents each.....	22½
5 Applications for membership, 1 cent each.....	05
1 Treasurer's bond.....	02
1 Discharge card.....	02
1 Transfer card.....	02
8 Relief reports, form "N", 1 cent each.....	08
*1 Journal.....	80
*1 Ledger.....	90
*Cash Book.....	90
*Roll of Members.....	90
*Order book (with stub).....	50
*Receipt Book, (with stub).....	50
*Black Book.....	10
*1 General Order file.....	60
2 Burial Services, 10 cents each.....	20
1 Sheet music, Opening Ode.....	10
1 Specimen sheet—Ledger.....	04
1 Specimen sheet—Cash Book.....	04
1 Small Electro.....	25
Total.....	\$21 34

*Prepared expressly for Corps use, and will greatly simplify Secretary's and Treasurer's work.

A corps of more than 20 members will add the expense only in membership badges and Rules and Regulations. A Corps of less than 20 members will lessen the expense only in membership badges and Rules and Regulations; for instance, a Corps of 15 members the cost of charter and supplies would be \$18.99; of 12 members, \$17.58. The 10 officers' badges are Corps property and revert with officer. Membership badges are owned by members as personal property. Would recommend that new Corps have all the necessary supplies on hand when instituted, in order to receive full instructions from Instituting and Installing officer.

Corps fix their dues by majority vote of Corps. We earnestly de-

sire all Posts having no Auxilliary to take immediate steps toward organizing the same, knowing that such an organization will greatly assist the Post in all lines of Charity work, and in the sacred observance of Memorial day.

Correspondence solicited. Full information, together with an Application for Charter, mailed upon application.

By Command of

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

Department President.

MARTHA LINDSEY,

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
PALESTINE, APRIL 27, 1889.

GENERAL ORDERS }
NO. 2. }

I. One of the pleasant features of the Sixth Annual Convention, W. R. C. Department of Illinois, was the introduction of Mrs. Emily Lippencott, Matron of the Hospital of Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy, Ill., and her interesting statement regarding the further needs of the soldiers in the Hospital.

She was asked of what they stood most in need. She replied that quilts are always acceptable; and that on account of there being a number of soldiers in the Hospital so afflicted that they are unable to lie down, easy rocking chairs—not new fashioned ones, but the good old time Boston Rocker—would be much appreciated.

Thirty eight Corps volunteered through their representatives to each send a high-backed rocking chair with cushion and head rest.

The Department President requests all Corps to report in full to Dep't Secretary all donations sent to the Soldiers' Home at Quincy, during the year, that a complete record may be kept.

II. The following recommendations were adopted at the Sixth Department Convention.

1st. That the action of last convention regarding the payment of one dollar for granting dispensation be repealed.

2nd. That each Dep't officer be furnished with a copy of Beath's Blue Book, Ritual, Rules and Regulations during her term of office to revert with office the same as badge.

3rd. That this Convention, when selecting delegates to the National, elect those only who are willing to pledge to this convention that they will be present at each session and attend strictly to business

till the convention closes.

4th. That this Department adopt the Sacker Badge for National Convention. Dep't Convention ordered that the size and shape of fish be left in hands of Executive Board.

5th. That the supplies of Carterville and Warren Corps be returned and money refunded. And the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Dep't of Ill. W. R. C. present to the Legislature in session at Springfield, a bill providing for the purchase of an American Flag, to be hung in every school house in the State of Illinois. And be it further

Resolved, That the teachers be requested to impart lessons of Patriotism for the country that it represents.

Committee duly appointed to present said bill is Mrs. Sae A. Sanders, Mrs. Flo Miller and Mrs. Lida A. Oldroyd.

III. The Council decided, February 22nd. 1889, that fifty dollars be placed in the Department Relief Fund out of the first quarter's per capita tax.

IV. Received in response to the call for money to meet additional expense in the treatment of the crippled boy of Mr. Ackerbauer, of the 3rd. Ill. Cavalry, \$42.50, from the following Corps: Nos. 50, 122, 66, 58, 54, 20, 99, 104, 97, 125, 31, 79, 62, 4, 100, 44, 21, 28, 33, 45, 2, 116, 76, 110, 55, 115, 94, 71, 35, 32, 30, 118, 73, 24, 37, 25, 26, 93, 103, 41, 108, 23, 60, 34, 52, 27, 121, 85, 113, 70, 120, 114, 91, 49, 80, 84, 117, 109, 36, 57, 46, 77, 64, 12, 42, 119, 16, 69, 65, 83, 43, 106, 5, 89, 35, 3, 48.

V. Corps Requisitions (20 in book with stubs Form 1) are to be now used by all Corps. All supplies must be ordered on these Requisitions. Corps are hereby instructed to send 20 cents to Miss Ada Carlton, Dep't Treasurer, Bloomington, Ill., for the same.

VI. The following Aides are appointed on staff of Dep't President:

Mrs. M E McCauley, Olney.	Mrs. Emma Stevens, Sumner,
" Ella Cobeain, Delevan,	" Sarah Browning, Robinson,
" Alma Hays, Litchfield,	" Phebe J. Tonney, Flora,
" Matie M. Green, Centralia,	" Sue M. Simpson, Peoria,
Miss Lizzie McIntyre, Equality,	" Mary Jewell, Danville,
Mrs. Jennie Harrison, Sterling,	" Flo Miller, Monticello,
" Mary M. McBride, Coulterville.	" Evalyn Keys, Hutsonville,
" Mary P. Gale, Lacon,	" Julia Hare, Beardstown,
" Minnie Kyle, Chicago,	" S. R. Spaulding, Rockford,
" Anna Baker, Sparta,	" Sade Rowley, Bloomington,
" Charlotte E. Newburn, Chic'go.	" Lottie P. Milchrist, Galva,
" Sophia A. Linscott, Chicago,	" Lucy J. Cantwell, Springfield,
" Mary Stone, Marseilles,	" Tina R. Martin, Macomb,
" Hattie Colier, Gibson City,	" Francis A. Powell, Chicago,

Mrs. Jennie Ashley, Kewanee,	Mrs. Rebecca Lewis, Aurora,
" Emma Elliott, Paris,	" Jane L. Craven, CampPoint,
" Margaret K. Ford, Cairo,	" Nellie M. Bassett, Arcola,
" Kate Pickett, Harrisburg,	" E. R. McCullough, Galesburg,
" C. H. Strawn, Albion.	" Rozena Nusbaum, Marshall.

Department Adies will hold themselves in readiness to perform such special duty as may be required by Department President. They will familiarize themselves with the entire work of the Order and to do all in their power for its growth and prosperity; and to awaken an interest in forming new corps to all Grand Army Posts in this Department having no Auxiliary. Members herein appointed will please report at once of their acceptance or non-acceptance.

Additional announcements will be made in future Orders.

VII. All Delegates to National Convention will please report at once to these Headquarters if they expect to attend the Convention at Milwaukee so that ample time may be given to fill all vacancies. A full delegation is desired. All members wishing to secure board and lodging will confer with R. C. Spencer, Chairman of Committee on Hotels, Boarding, &c., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

VIII. The following Corps have been instituted since last Department Convention:

No. 127.....Eureka	No. 130..... Tampico
No. 128..... Tonica	No. 131..... Atlanta
No. 129.....Paunee	No. 132..... Oregon
No. 133.....Harvard.	

We have the pleasant assurance that Gen. James S. Martin, Commander Dep't. Ill. G. A. R., stands ready to do anything that will further the interests of the W. R. C.

Department President wishes to remind members that in order to become posted in the working of this Grand Organization, they must READ, not only the Rules and Laws laid down—but some, at least, of the many G. A. R. and W. R. C. papers. Among which is the National Tribune, Washington, D. C., which has a W. R. C. column that is ably edited by Past National President, Kate B. Sherwood; The American Tribune, Indianapolis, Ind., has kindly offered Department of Illinois space in its columns. And then there is the National Vindicator, Delevan, Ill., edited by our Past Department President, Sue A. Sanders, devoted to the interests of the W. R. C., and so cheap that it is within the reach of all.

By command of

DELLAH A. LEAVERTON,

Department President,

MARTHA LINDSEY,

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
PALESTINE, MAY 6, 1889.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 3. }

As the great National holiday, the 30th of May, approaches we find the Grand Army busy in making preparations for the proper observance of that day in cherishing tenderly the memory of their heroic dead.

Let every member of the Woman's Relief Corps in the Department of Illinois feel it not only a duty, but a pleasure to assist this noble and patriotic Order, the Grand Army of the Republic, in this, their labor of love, strewing flowers upon the graves of their fallen comrades, and thus honor those brave men who left all the pleasant associations of home and friends to face the many hardships of camp, march, skirmish and hard fought battles where hundreds of thousands of brave, true-hearted men laid down their lives that the Nation might live and perpetuate the only true form of government a living example to all Nations.

We are reminded that death is fast thinning the ranks of the Grand Army. In this Department alone, there has been over two hundred comrades laid in the silent tomb since last Memorial Day.

Let a floral tribute be prepared for every soldier's grave, no matter how isolated the burial place may be. Remember the grassy mound in the silent city of the dead at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy.

The beautiful and appropriate custom of preparing a mound or monument in memory of our Unknown Dead should be observed. Let a call be made in every community asking those whose dear ones sleep on battle-field, or in National Cemetery to add a testimonial of flowers with card attached, bearing name, company and regiment to be remembered.

Bring the children to assist in this beautiful service by gathering and strewing the flowers. Teach their young hearts to value the sacrifice the soldiers have made and instill into their minds a reverence for Memorial Day, "Inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of Country among our children and in the communities in which we live" on this Memorial Day, 1889, the Centennial year of our National Existence, in such a manner that those lessons will live long after we have entered the haven of rest.

Death has entered the ranks of the Relief Corps and taken from our number those who were loyal and true, and ever ready to respond to the calls of charity. Above them let us place a floral tribute in memory of loving service rendered. Let every corps attend Memorial Service in a body the Sabbath preceding Memorial Day.

Attention is called to Circular Letter from Past Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, Allan, of Richmond, Va. It is the wish of Dept. President that all corps will feel it a privilege to respond to this call. Corps Chaplains will please make mention of the amount sent to Comrade Allen to Dept. Chaplain, Mrs. Mary R. Fletcher, Morris, Ill.

Attention is also called to "Memorial of the Flowers" arranged by National Pension and Relief Committee, W. R. C., in accordance with a resolution of National Convention. The proceeds of such entertainments will be remitted to Dept. Treasurer, who will forward the amount to National Treasurer; to be used for the erecting of a home for Soldiers' Mothers, Widows and Army Nurses.

Memorial Day Blanks accompany this order. All Corps Chaplains will make reports as full as possible noting the principal features of the day. One report must be sent to Mrs. Mary R. Fletcher, Department Chaplain, Morris, Ill., and the other placed on file with Corps papers.

Department Chaplain will make reports to National Chaplain, W. R. C., and to Comrade Geo. W. Gue, Department Chaplain, G. A. R.

By Command of

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

Department Pres.

MARTHA LINDSEY,

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
PALESTINE, MAY 31, 1889.

GENERAL ORDERS. /
No. 4. }

The Sixth Dept. Convention W. R. C. appointed a committee of three to investigate the M. I. Sandes appeal to the Sixth Department Convention and report to the incoming Department President "who shall promulgate the result through General Orders." See Department Proceedings, pages 80 and 83.

The following is the Committee's report in full:

REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton, Department President:

The investigating Committee in the case of appeal by Mrs. Margaret I. Sandes, appointed by the Sixth Department Convention of the W. R. C., held at Springfield, Ill., beginning Feb. 20, and ending Feb. 22, 1889, respectfully report.

The Committee met in Chicago, March 27, 1889, and made thorough and impartial investigation of the statements contained in the pamphlet published and circulated by Mrs. Celestia D. Messenger of said Convention, and after examining various witnesses, records, letters, &c, find:

That Mulligan Relief Corps No. 23, did enter into a business enterprise at the International Encampment held at Chicago, which for various reasons given in evidence proved a pecuniary failure; there remaining after the final settlement between two and three hundred dollars indebtedness.

Among the witnesses summoned were Mrs. Messenger, and the gentlemen whose affidavits are contained in said pamphlet. Of the latter, one had been paid in full, another did not care to come, and only one appeared.

This gentleman stated that he was not aware of the use to which his name would be applied when his bill was requested of him; but was led to believe that it was merely to be presented for payment. Had he so known he would not have allowed his name to be used to the prejudice of Mrs. Sandes.

It was shown by a number of witnesses from Mulligan Corps that said Corps had by vote authorized their President, Mrs. Margaret I. Sandes to take entire charge of the Corps interest, funds and otherwise, at said Encampment; that Mrs. Sandes was assisted by many members of her Corps who were cognizant of and satisfied with the way in which the business was conducted; and that said Corps was made aware from the first of the deficit in their receipts, and understood perfectly all the proceedings pertaining to the Encampment. That some of these bills have been paid, and the rest are being gradually cleared off.

It was further shown that strict account was kept of all moneys received and expended; money and tickets were carefully balanced; accounts audited; reports submitted and accepted by Corps, and said Corps 23 entirely absolved Mrs. Sandes from any blame in the matter. The Committee had placed in their hands a full report of Encampment signed by four of the Executive Committee—being all save Mrs. Lundy—and also a long list of accounts audited and signed by the same. Said report had been accepted by the Corps.

Several witnesses testified that the statement that Mrs. Sandes was in the habit of frequenting saloons, was wholly false, and had no more serious foundation than the two following trivial incidents:

Mrs. Sandes went to Brighton Park to install a Corps, accompanied by seven ladies, members of Mulligan Corps, and two gentlemen, past Commanders. They returned at a late hour in a severe rain storm, and while waiting for a street car, all took refuge in the waiting room of a saloon—the only shelter accessible at that late hour, and while waiting the gentlemen procured for the ladies some hot lemonade.

The other occasion was when Mrs. Sandes walked home after meeting with one of her Corps members whose husband kept a saloon. On passing her husband's place of business this lady stepped in to get her night-key, leaving Mrs. Sandes outside walking slowly on till she rejoined her.

Testimony given, also proved that the alleged ballet dancing had been traced to the simple fact that Mrs. Sandes, who was a member of a musical club, had participated in an entertainment given by said club under the direction of its leader, Prof. Pratt. The entertainment was called the opera of Lucille, and the chorus dressed in peasant costume. Mrs. Sandes wore a dress with long sleeves and high neck, and as long as to the tops of her boots. The dancing consisted in joining hands and stepping slowly to the music while they sang.

In regard to the entertainment at Central Music Hall, evidence given shows that it was an enterprise entered into by Mrs. Sandes and Mrs. Wallace in the hope of being able to pay off the Corps indebtedness. That the Corps had nothing to do with it, voting only to lend their name, and with the explicit understanding that no report was to be submitted unless proceeds were realized. There was no audience, and the result was \$60 indebtedness, which was paid by Gen. Wallace and Mr. Sandes.

The Exposition booth was also a personal affair. Did not use the Corps name and was in no wise connected with the Corps. The stand was given to Mrs. Wallace, and the proceeds realized were applied to these debts.

The Committee examined the Corps records and found that Mrs. Messenger had been regularly dropped for non-payment of dues; and they had placed in their hands two letters, one from the Dept. President of Col., Mrs. Augusta B. Henderson, and one from Mrs. Hamm, President of Garfield Corps, Leadville. Mrs. Henderson's letter shows by date and statistics that on Nov. 29, 1884, a meeting was held at which application for charter was signed, and preliminaries for establishing a Corps carried out. That Mrs. Messenger was elected President of said Garfield Corps, Dec. 4, 1884, and installed Dec. 11, 1884. Was granted a visiting card Dec. 17, 1884—six days after her installation. That she never presided in said Corps and never at any time paid any dues into their treasury. On March 5, 1885, she resigned her office of Pres., and on the same day became a charter member of James A. Mulligan Corps of Chicago. Fourteen months after she applied to Garfield Corps for an honorable discharge. She had been dropped for dues; but on May 6, 1886, the Garfield Corps voted to remit her dues and grant her an honorable discharge.

The letter says: "Sue Sanders, then Dept. President of Ill., granted her a Past President's badge, although Colorado does not recognize her as such, nor has she ever done so." This letter was indorsed by Mrs. Catherine C. Kennedy, Dept. Counselor of Col., and corroborated in detail by the letter from the President of Garfield Corps. This evidence proves beyond dispute that Mrs. Messenger is not a member of the Order.

Mrs. Sandes left her defense entirely to the Mulligan Corps and

most faithfully and devotedly has it supported her; and the Committee could not fail to discern the feeling of earnestness and spirit of harmony which seems to prevail in said Corps to an unusual degree. The best evidence of the confidence and esteem in which Mrs. Sandes is held exists in the fact that she was re-elected Pres. this year for the fourth term.

The following resolutions handed to Committee, speak for themselves:

"At a regular meeting of Col. Jas. A. Mulligan, W. R. C., held March 21, the following resolutions were read and adopted:

"WHEREAS: A pamphlet was circulated at the Dept. Convention of the W. R. C. at Springfield, in the month of February, containing statements which we believe to be scandalous and false in every particular, and in which the name of our President, Mrs. Margaret I. Sandes, was introduced in such a manner as to cast an imputation upon her character. Therefore, be it

"RESOLVED: That this Corps as a body repudiate said pamphlet, and the persons who were engaged in such circulation of said document.

"RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be duly signed by the Corps Secretary to be placed in the hands of the Committee of Conference at last meeting, with instructions to present the same to the Committee of Investigation appointed by the Dept.

MARY THIELL, Secretary W. R. C. No. 23."

THEREFORE: In consideration of the foregoing evidence, and much more which can not be cited, be it

RESOLVED: That the statements contained in said pamphlet are base and malicious misrepresentations, and

RESOLVED: That Mrs. Margaret I. Sandes, having suffered from unjust suspicions and distrust arising therefrom, deserves the earnest sympathy and respect of all members of the W. R. C. of this Dept. or elsewhere, as an honorable woman and a worthy member of our Order.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed { MARY M. WHITNEY, Chairman.
JENNIE BROSS.
EMMA C. BECKLEY.

This report was received at Department Headquarters May 15, 1889. The delay was unavoidable.

By command of

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

MARTHA LINDSEY,

Department President.

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,

AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
PALESTINE, JUNE 10, 1889.

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 5. }

The following additional Aides are appointed on Staff of Department President:

Mrs. Mary Eldred, Gardner.	Mrs. Anna Morgan, Monmouth.
Miss E. M. Robins, Carthage.	" Ellen A. Brydges, Elgin.
" Josie Calhoun, Keithsburg.	" Eliza A. Adams, Henry.
" Aggie Hall, Streator.	" Hattie Morgan, Moline.
Mrs. Nancy McArthur, Waukegan.	" Augusta Fallensbee, Quincy.
" Lida J. Elerding, Morris.	" Addie Ide, Springfield.
" Emma Crowley, Jacksonville.	" Mary Robinson, Metropolis.
" A. W. Colvard, Shawneetown.	" Eliza Torrence, Pontiac.

I. All Aides appointed on Department Staff will report to these Headquarters of their acceptance and receive instructions, also a badge for National Convention.

II. Two blanks each for Secretary and Treasurer's reports for the quarter ending June 30, accompany this order. Corps Presidents will see that reports are promptly made and that Secretary and Treasurer's reports agree in every particular before affirming the same.

III. One copy of each report should be retained and filed with Corps papers. Reports are due July 1st. (See Rules and Regulations.) It is the Corps President's duty to mail both Secretary and Treasurer's reports, together with Money Order for per capita tax, on that day to Miss Martha Lindsey, Dept. Secretary, Palestine, Ill. The Money Orders, or Drafts, should be made payable to Miss Ada Carlton, Bloomington, Ill. The Dept. Secretary will forward the same to Dept. Treasurer. This saves time and expense. These reports being the last ones before National Convention, it is urgently requested that complete returns from every Corps be in to Dept. Secretary not later than the 5th day of July, that the consolidated reports may be completed and forwarded to National Headquarters at the proper time, and that Dept. of Illinois may hold the high standing it has attained.

IV. Corps Presidents will please bear in mind that per capita tax must be paid on every member reported in "good standing."

V. New Corps will observe that the per capita tax is eight cents per quarter for each member in good standing.

VI. Attention is called to the following Recommendations adopted by the 6th Dept. Convention, W. R. C.:

"That Corps shall reimburse the Department Treasury for postage in every report returned for correction.

"That Corps do not send for supplies to the Department Secretary, as much time and postage is thus lost in sending the same on to Department Treasurer, and all orders be made payable to her. In cases where this is not complied with the price of exchange must be borne by the Corps sending the same."

VII. All Department Officers wishing to avail themselves of the 2nd Recommendation in Dept. General Order No. 2, will notify Dept. Treasurer of such wish.

VIII. Four copies of Sixth Dept. Convention W. R. C. will be sent

to every Corps. One each to the President, S. V. P. and J. V. P., (to revert with office) and one to file, together with Journal of Sixth National Convention, just as soon as the National reach these Headquarters. We learn they are being boxed and sent to Departments as fast as possible. Members can obtain 6th Dept. Proceedings as personal property by sending seventeen cents (which includes price of book and postage) to Dept. Secretary. There is a large number of the Fifth Dept. Proceedings on hand and a few of the Fourth. Corps not having these on file, and wishing the same, will notify Dept. Secretary.

IX. Since sending out General Orders No. 2, money to meet additional expense for treatment of crippled boy of Mr. Ackerbauer of the 3d Illinois Cavalry, has been received from the following Corps: Nos. 7, 92, 68, 72, 38, 19, 6, 78, 39, 22, 17, 10, 9. Making a total of \$53.50 received up to date.

X. Attention is called to forms of communications. See Rules and Regulations, page 30 of 1888 and page 31 of 1889.

By Command of

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

MARTHA LINDSEY,

Department Pres.

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS,

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,

AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

PALESTINE, AUGUST 5, 1889.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 6. }

In compliance with the call of National President, the National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps will meet at 10 o'clock A. M., August 28, 1889, in Immanuel Church, on Astor street, (one block from all Headquarters,) Milwaukee, Wis.

Mrs. Georgie Berry, of Quincy, is appointed Chairman of the Reception Committee at Illinois Headquarters, which will be established in the High School building, corner of Cass and Knap streets, where all members of the Grand Army of the Republic, W. R. C. and Sons of Veterans will be given a cordial welcome.

I. Special attention is called to National General Order No. 6, Sec. IX. As the National Convention is the most important meeting of the year on account of the opportunity it affords for legislation, the Department President earnestly requests the prompt attendance of each Representative from Dept. of Illinois and urges them to be present at the opening of each session and attend to business until Convention closes.

That they may legislate for the good of the Order, the Representatives should make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the laws and rules of our Order and also parliamentary usages.

II. The Bronze Recognition pins, (Recognition Badges) price 25 cents, can be procured from Dep't. Treasurer, Miss Ada Carlton, of Bloomington. The pin will be furnished in gold for two dollars and fifty cents.

III. Attention is directed to Rules and Regulations, Chapter II. Article II., Sec. 4, which says, "A ballot with ball ballots shall be had." Therefore, all Corps will use white and black balls, (not cubes) uniform in size.

IV. All Corps will be inspected during the months of October and November. Those wishing to be reported excellent by the Inspector must be well drilled, Ritual memorized by officers, have National and Department General Orders filed in Order-file, Secretary's Record and Order stubs complete and well kept, and Treasurer's Ledger, Cash book, receipt stubs, and vouchers in proper shape. The Revised Service Books of 1888 contain instructions on Inspection. Corps not having these should order at once from Dept. Treasurer. The price is given on the Requisitions for supplies.

V. Mrs. Rozena Nosbaum, of Marshall, and Mrs. Tina R. Martin, of Macomb, having declined to serve as aides on Dept. President's Staff, Mrs. Georgie Berry, of Quincy, and Mrs. Carrie B. Geary, of East St. Louis, are appointed to fill the vacancies.

VI. The amount of money above what was needed for the treatment of Mr. Ackerbauer's crippled child, was sent by National President to Miss Clara Barton for the relief of the Johnstown, Pa., sufferers. This action meets my hearty approval and in stating the same to National President, I felt that I was voicing the sentiment of the 4279 members of the Dept. of Ill. W. R. C.

VII. Corps will bear in mind that the Woman's Relief Corps is a National Organization working under one form of Government; and in order to have uniform work the Rules and Regulations of our Order must be faithfully obeyed. Corps may adopt By-Laws for their government, not conflicting with Rules and Regulations or Orders of the National or Department Conventions. It is not necessary to include any part of Rules and Regulations in a By-Law. The Rules and Regulations are just as obligatory on each individual member as a By-Law can be.

VIII. The following Corps have been instituted since last report:

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| 134. Bradford. | 137. Ellery. |
| 135. Minior. | 138. Chicago. |
| 136. Englewood. | 139. Port Byron. |
| 140. Joliet. | |

IX. National General Orders, Nos. 4, 5 and 6, also, "Instructions to

Corps Officers'' and National and Department Proceedings have been sent to all Corps and to each Dep't Officer; also all Dep't General Orders up to date. It has been the intention to send a copy of Nat'l Journal to each Delegate to National Convention. Those not receiving the same will please notify Department Secretary.

X. Contributions from the several Corps of this Department for the decoration of Union Soldiers' graves in the South as reported by Department Chaplain is as follows:

To Richmond, Va.	\$78.50
To Nashville, Tenn.	10.00

Eleven dollars were sent to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy Ill.

XI. A total of the amount contributed by the Corps of this Dep't for the building of a National Relief Corps Home for Soldiers' Mothers, Widows and Army nurses as reported by Dep't Treasurer is \$87.80.

Owing to the heavy rains in many localities, and the carelessness of railroad officials, a number of Corps were hindered from carrying out the program arranged for Memorial Day. But many have reported that they still intend to do something toward the furthering of this worthy object,

Mrs. Eliza A. Adams, Aid on Staff of Dep't President, Past President and late Treasurer of Lookout Mountain W. R. C. No. 2, passed to a higher life July 13. Mrs. Adams, being a woman prominent in all good works, was greatly beloved by a large circle of friends.

The Department of Illinois has lost a true and zealous member; but let us take comfort in the thought that our sister is among those of whom the Spirit said, "They may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

To the bereaved husband and family we tender our deepest sympathy in this their irreparable loss.

As a tribute of love and respect to our sister, the Dep't President would ask that all badges and Corps Charters be draped in mourning for thirty days from date of this order.

All persons communicating with us from large cities will please give street and number; as many letters have been returned to us on account of this omission.

By command of

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

Department President.

MARTHA LINDSEY,

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
PALESTINE, SEPT. 14th, 1889.

CIRCULAR)
No. 2.)

Two blanks each for Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the quarter ending September 30th, accompany this Circular.

As the report for this quarter is the basis for representation of the Corps at the next Department Convention, (which is one delegate for every thirty members and one additional for a fraction of more than one-half of that number,) the report should be as complete as possible.

The Department President wishes to command Corps Presidents for promptness in sending quarterly reports to Department Headquarters at the close of last quarter, and would respectfully remind them that they are responsible for promptness in mailing these reports to Department Secretary on the first day of October. It is also your duty to see that Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports agree as to the "number in good standing" and "amount expended for relief" before attesting the same. Per capita tax must be paid on each member reported even though said member may have been initiated at the very last meeting of the quarter.

Drafts or Money Orders for per capita tax (which is eight cents per member in good standing) should be drawn payable to Department Treasurer, Miss Ada Carlton, Bloomington, Ill., and placed in an envelope, together with the Secretary's report and the Treasurer's report and directed to the Department Secretary, Miss Martha Lindsey, Palestine, Ill.

Corps Treasurers will notice that the "Quarterly report of Treasurer" blank contains a "Report of General Fund" and a "Report of Relief Fund." These two must be kept separate. Get each item in to its proper place.

All Corps having quarterly reports in to Department Secretary not later than the fifth of October, and correct in every particular will receive credit for the same in General Orders.

Corps Treasurers should be careful to promptly notify in writing all members six months in arrears so that none may have cause to feel that they are neglected.

Department President would recommend that Treasurers remind members of their indebtedness to the Corps by reading names at the last meeting in each quarter—stating how many quarters each one is in arrears.

Treasurer's Cash Book must be balanced at the close of each quar-

ter. Dues should be charged on Ledger the first day of the quarter, and credit given when paid.

The Relief Fund account must be kept separate from the General Fund account.

Secretaries should keep in back part of Roll Book a list of lost members, giving name, date and cause of loss.

Names of suspended members should not be placed on this list.

Treasurers will also give date and cause of loss on lost member's Ledger page.

The Finance Committee will audit Treasurer's and other officers' books at the close of each quarter, approved or dis-approved and report to corps in writing.

By Command of

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

Department President.

MARTHA LINDSEY,

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
PALESTINE, NOV. 11, 1889.

GENERAL ORDERS }
NO. 8. }

It is with much pleasure that I note the great improvement in making quarterly reports—three only being returned for correction. The Corps are to be highly commended for the promptness with which reports were sent in to Department Headquarters.

I. The following is a list of the Corps whose reports came in on or before the 5th of October.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 49, 50, 52, 55, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 73, 75, 76, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 100, 103, 104, 105, 107, 109, 110, 111, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 120, 121, 122, 125, 126, 128, 131, 132, 133, 134, 136, 137, 139, 140, 142, 243.

II. The National pass word has been sent to all Corps whose reports and per capita tax have been sent in for the third quarter. Any Corps

not receiving the same will please notify the Dep't Secretary.

National General Orders Nos. 2. and 3, and Circular Letter No. 1. have been sent out to all Corps.

III. The time of election of Corps officers is near at hand and I would suggest that in electing members to fill offices it should be an unvarying rule to elect only those who are earnest, capable, and regular in attendance. I will repeat what I have said before: "That if all officers would remember and strictly live up to their obligations of office, Corps would seldom, if ever, fail to have a quorum; and I think that every member should duly consider the obligation before she accepts an office; for no Corps can do good work unless the officers as well as the other members are faithful in attendance.

IV. Attention is called to Rules and Regulations, Chapter II. Article VII, Sections 1, 2 and 3 which states the time and manner of electing and installing Corps officers, and also electing Delegates and Alternates to Department Convention.

The election of Delegates is based upon the number of members in good standing in reports for the Quarter ending September 30, 1889.

The resolutions adopted by the 6th Dep't Convention concerning the representation to Dep't Convention being considered unconstitutional by National President, was declared null and void by her. For that reason the representation will be the same as adopted by the fifth Convention—i. e., one Delegate and Alternate for every thirty members, or a fraction over one half that number.

V. I would recommend that Corps Secretaries read Article II, Chapter III. R. and R. on the day of election.

VI. The installation should take place at the earliest possible date, and the Election Returns (which must contain names of all elected Delegates and Alternates, and Past Corps Presidents,) should be immediately forwarded so that they may reach Dep't Secretary not later than January 25th, thus giving her time to send out Credential Cards to all who are entitled to them.

VII. Please bear in mind that the Election blank enclosed with this order must not be filled out until after the installation of officers.

VIII. Revised Service Book, page 7, explains who may be Installing officers.

IX. I would respectfully call attention to a request made in a previous General Order that Corps report to Dep't Secretary all donations made to Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, that a record of the same might be kept. In sending articles intended for Hospital, they should be directed to the Hospital; if for the Library they should be directed to the Library; if to a special cottage, the articles should be directed to Cottage No. ———

X. In visiting the Library of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy, I noticed that the books are not numerous and that many of them were of a kind which were far from useful or entertaining. Now if any Corps are thinking of making a Thanksgiving or Christmas donation to the Home, nothing would be more appreciated than a gift of good books. For those wishing to send books it would be necessary (to avoid getting too many books of one kind) to confer with Wm. McPheters, Librarian of the Home, who will send a list of books most needed.

If any or all Corps will apportion so much a year to build up the Library of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home the Librarian will furnish them with a letter, which, being presented to the National Library Association, of Chicago, will enable Corps to purchase books at membership prices from that Association.

XI. Now that winter has begun, Corps should redouble their efforts to relieve those comrades and their families who are in distress. Especially at Thanksgiving, let us do something to gladden the lives of the needy ones around us; and at Christmas time, remember our Soldiers' Orphans in the Home at Normal.

All donations to the children of the Home should be sent to H. C. DeMott, Superintendent of Soldiers' Orphans' Home, Normal, Ill.

XII. The Third National Convention W. R. C. decided, "That Past Commander-in-Chief, Beath's Blue Book stand as authority for all official opinions and decisions."

If Corps would provide themselves with a copy of this book, it would settle many questions for them which otherwise costs much time and postage in asking and answering. (See Corps Requisitions for prices of the same.)

XIII. Members when preferring charges against another member of the W. R. C. must not have said charges sworn to before a Notary Public thereby divulging the business transactions of the Corps, to persons not members of the order; neither must any member publish any of the business of any Corps in the public press without vote of Corps.

By Command of

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

Department President.

MARTHA LINDSEY,

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
PALESTINE, DEC. 12, 1889.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 9. }

The blanks for the 4th quarter's report are enclosed with this General Order and we feel sure, from the promptness with which reports for third quarter came in, that even a greater degree of improvement will be shown in the fourth—and for this year—last quarterly reports.

I. Each Corps President must see that the quarterly blanks of Secretary and Treasurer are properly filled out and that they agree in every particular before signing the same as correct. It is also the President's duty to mail quarterly reports accompanied per capita tax (8 cents per member) on the first day of January 1890, to Miss Martha Lindsey, Dep't Secretary, Palestine, Crawford Co., Ill. The Check or order for per capita tax must be made payable to Miss Ada Carlton, Dep't Treasurer, Bloomington, Ill. But bear in mind that neither report nor per capita tax must be sent to Miss Ada Carlton—Send them to Dep't Secretary.

II. Any Corps in arrears for reports or per capita tax shall be excluded from any representation in Dep't Convention until the same have been forwarded.

We hope that no corps will allow itself to be shut out, as it is earnestly desired that every corps in this Dep't. may be fully represented at the Dep't Convention.

III. Attention is again called to Chap. II., Article VII., Section 3, Rules and Regulations of 1889 which says: "The officers thus elected shall be installed at the first regular meeting in January following, or at a special meeting called for such purpose during the month.

IV. Corps are further referred to Chapter V., Article II., Section 1, R. & R., which says. "Corps Installing Officers shall, immediately after installation, forward to Dep't Secretary, on Corps Election Return blanks, Form L., certified to as correct by retiring President, a list of newly elected Corps officers, delegates and alternates to Department Convention, also the names of all members in good standing who have held the position of Dep't President, National President or Nat'l Senior or Junior Vice President and shall forward a copy of the same to Dep't Instituting and Installing Officer."

V. Two Election Return blanks have been sent to each Corps. Since all Past Corps Presidents in good standing have a seat in Convention, and are entitled to Credential Cards, the Installing officers must place their names (as Past Corps Presidents) on the Election Returns,

When properly filled out, the Installing officer will send one Election Return to the Dep't Secretary and one to the Dep't I, and I. officer, Mrs. S. E. Hannon, of Cario, within three days after installation.

It shall also be stated to Mrs. S. E. Hannon whether the installation was public or private and whether a joint service with Post and Sons of Veterans.

Installing Officer will immediately upon her arrival, ascertain if all reports and dues have been forwarded to Dep't Headquarters as required by R. and R.; if not, they must be placed in her hands to be forwarded, as Installation cannot proceed until these requirements are complied with. (See Revised Service Book of 1888.)

VII. Corps Treasurer shall give bond prior to her installation, in a sum to be named by the Corps, for the faithful discharge of her duties. Corps should order Treasurer's bond before installation.

VIII. When asking for a special dispensation, Corps should give the name of the person desiring to be initiated.

IX. Questions to be answered at Dep't Convention must be sent to Dep't Headquarters not later than January 20th.

X. Several Corps have asked concerning delegates to Dep't Convention. We would answer by calling attention to Chapter III., Article II., R. and R. Each Corps is entitled to one delegate, whatever its membership.

XI. It is developed from the remarks of the Assistant Inspector, that some corps do not strictly follow the Rules and Regulations and the Ritual. These must be followed.

The W. R. C. as an organization is governed by Rules and Regulations; and whatever is done contrary to R. & R., or any orders from proper authority, is illegal. Rules and Regulations can be amended only by National Convention.

XII. Corps that have not, should order the latest Revised Rules & Regulations that all members can be supplied with the same.

XIII. Corps must order all supplies wanted from Department Treasurer before Feb. 9. The Revised Service book of 1888 (which contains the Installation Service) should be procured by every Corps not already in possession of it, before Installation.

XIV. Corps Treasurers should pay out no money unless voted by the Corps and upon an order drawn by the Secretary, signed by the President and receipted on the back by the person to whom the order is drawn.

XV. It is the duty of the members of the Home and Employment Committee to see that no Soldier's orphan in their vicinity is sent to the poor house. There is a Home at Normal, Ill., for the orphan children of Soldiers.

XVI. It is with pleasure I call the attention of the W. R. C. in this Department to the following object of the association known as the "Sons of Veterans."

"To keep green the memories of our Fathers, and their sacrifices for the maintenance of the Union.....To aid the members of the Grand Army of the Republic in the caring for their helpless and disabled Veterans: to extend aid and protection to their widows and orphans; to perpetuate the memory and history of their heroic dead, and the proper observance of Memorial day.....To aid and assist worthy members of our order.....To inculcate patriotism and love of country, not only among our membership, but among all people of our land, and to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty and justice to all."

In view of these worthy objects, I earnestly desire that every member of our Order will encourage this organization in their midst and when they desire to give a supper or entertainment, that the W. R. C. assist them in every possible way, that they may be enabled to extend aid to the disabled veterans, their widows and orphans.

XVII. At the 5th annual Dep't Convention, the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, that hereafter the officers of this Dep't prepare and forward their respective reports to the Dep't President or a Committee appointed, at least ten days before Convention, and that a sufficient number be printed to supply each member of Convention with a copy."

In order to have them in on time to be printed ready for Convention we ask that they be sent to these Headquarters, ready for the printer, on or before the first day of February.

XVIII. All General Orders and Circular Letters received by corps Presidents from National and Department Headquarters must be read by Corps Secretary at next regular meeting and filed. It is recommended that they be read at two consecutive meetings.

XIX. We wish the Corps in this Department to search out all Volunteer Army Nurses, extend to them needful help and report their names to Dep't Secretary.

XX. When a Corps wishes to surrender its charter, Rules and Regulations Chapter II. Article I. Section 5 and 6 must be followed in order to make the surrender legal.

XXI. Attention is called to the following letter from Burnside Corps Washington, D. C.

Dear Sisters:

Burnside Woman's Relief Corps, No. 4, of Washington City, have decided to hold a Fair and Bazar for the benefit of its General and Relief Fund.

It was suggested by the ladies that we invite our sister Corps to aid us.

We are yet in our infancy, having only been instituted since last February and having more relief to do than our strength or means will permit.

We are differently situated from most Corps, this being the seat of Government, men and women come here to get pensions and government positions, fail to get either, and in a short time we find them without homes, means or anything to eat. We help them all we can, but not as much as we would like to. So, you see, we not

only take care of our own needy, but those who drift here from all parts of the country. If they are sick we take care of them. If they die we bury them.

We do feel the need of raising money in some way, and this plan has been adopted.

Now if our dear sister will see that Corps in her Department will contribute something that is sold at fairs we will be very thankful, and whenever you are engaged such work call upon us and we will aid you.

We intend having fancy tables, commissary department which will include everything mentionable; furniture, shoes, tins, china, silver ware, hardware, &c. Hoping you will give this matter your favorable consideration and wishing you "God Speed," I am very respectfully yours in F. C. & L.

IDA V. HENDRICKS, Pres.

1329 14th street, Washington City.

Comment is unnecessary. Knowing the Fraternity that exists in our order we feel that each Corps will respond by sending something even though the gift be small.

By command of

DELLAH A. LEAVERTON,

Department President.

MARTHA LINDSEY,

Department Secretary.

DIED—At Salem, Ill., Dec. 2, 1889, at 7 o'clock p. m.—JANE—wife of J. S. Martin, Commander Department of Ill. G. A. R.

Thus we are called one by one to enter the Haven of Rest.

Feeling sure that the sympathy of this Department is with Gen. Martin in his grief the following letter has been sent.

Palestine, Ill., Dec. 11, 1889.

Gen. Jas. S. Martin, Commander, Dept. Ill., G. A. R.,

Salem, Ill.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

It is with sincere regret that we learn of the death of your devoted wife and in behalf of Dept. Ill., Woman's Relief Corps, we offer our warmest sympathy in your great bereavement. Yours in F. C. & L., DELLAH A. LEAVERTON,

MARTHA LINDSEY,

Pres. Dept. Ill., W. R. C.

Dep't Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS,

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,

AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

PALESTINE, FEB. 7th, 1890.

GENERAL ORDERS)

No. 10. }

I. The Seventh Annual Convention, Department of Illinois W. R. C. will convene in Trinity Methodist Church, corner of Jersey and Fifth streets, Quincy, Ill., Wednesday, March 12th, 1890.

II. W. R. C. Headquarters will be established in room 63, Tremont Hotel on Hampshire St., between Fifth and Sixth streets.

III. Members of Convention will please meet at the Tremont at 9

o'clock a. m., Wednesday, March 12, and after witnessing the G. A. R. parade, repair at once in a body, to Trinity Church, when the business of the Convention will begin.

IV, The Executive Board are requested to meet at the Tremont, Room 63, at 9 o'clock a. m. Tuesday, March 11,

V, The Department Council will meet at the above named place promptly at 1:30 p. m., Tuesday March 11. Every member should feel it her duty to be present at the meeting.

VI. We are pleased to announce that the National President, Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer, will be present at the Seventh Department Convention.

VII. At the Tremont, Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, a reception will be tendered the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans, the friends of our Order. All members of our Order are cordially invited to be present.

VIII We are informed that the Wabash and C. B. & Q. railroads will sell tickets at one fare for the round trip from all points on their roads. It is expected that other roads will sell similar tickets with coupons. Whether they do or not can be learned of local agents.

IX. Hotels at Quincy will entertain Delegates and visitors at the following rates:

The Newcomb,	-	-	-	-	\$2.50, and \$3.00 per day.
The Tremont,	-	-	-	-	2.00, " 2.50 " "
The European,	-	-	-	-	2.00, " " "
The Hickman,	-	-	-	-	1.00, " 1.50 " "
The Occidental,	-	-	-	-	1.00. " "
The Franklin,	-	-	-	-	1.00. " "

X. The Chairman of Local Committee is Mrs. Laura E. Distin, and that of the Reception Committee, Mrs. E. H. Collins, both of Quincy.

XI. Rooms Nos. 71 and 72 at the Tremont have been secured for the Dep't Officers. Persons not having secured accommodations can address Mrs. Laura E. Distin, Chairman of Local Committee.

XII. The following appointments for Convention are :

Mrs. Helen Bristol,	Corps 47,	Conductor.
Miss Nellie Graham,	Corps 47,	Assistant Conductor.
Mrs. Lucy Merrick,	Corps 47,	Guard.
Mrs. C. T. Fenton,	Corps 47,	Assistant Guard.
Miss Eugenia Follensbee,	Corps 47,	Reporter.

XIII. Credential Committee.

Miss Martha Lindsey, Palestine, Mrs. Ella Cobean, Delevan.
Mrs. Lizzie Hubbard, Aurora.

XIV. Credential Cards accompany this order. Corps that have not sent in reports, per capita tax and election returns are requested to do so at once, as Credential Cards (which entitle holder to a seat

in Convention) can only be sent to Corps whose Quarterly Reports and Election Returns have been received by Dep't Secretary.

XV. We learn that some Installing Officers have not sent Election Returns to the Department I. and I. Officer. Corps Presidents will see that Election Returns are sent to Mrs. S. E. Hannon, Cairo, Ill., at once in order that she may make a full report to the Nat'l I. and I. Officer and to Dep't Convention.

XVI. Corps organized on or after January 1. 1890, will be represented by their Presidents, or Vice Presidents according to seniority. Credential Cards must be signed by Corps President and Secretary and presented by Delegate, to the Credential Committee at Convention. Those entitled to Credential Cards are all Corps Presidents and Past Corps Presidents, who have served a full term, or who having been elected to fill vacancy, shall serve to the end of the term and are in good standing in their respective Corps, and the regularly elected Delegate. In the absence of the Presidents, the Vice Presidents serve in the order of seniority. In the absence of the elected Delegate the first Alternate fills her place; should the first Alternate be unable to attend, the second fills the place, and so on. Any vacancies occurring may be filled as provided in Chap. 2, Art. VII., Sec. 5, Rules and Regulations. Notice of such election must be immediately forwarded to Department Sec'y.

XVII. Corps instituted between September 30th and January 4th, having sent Reports to Dep't Secretary and paid per capita tax for fourth quarter (being the one in which they were instituted) are entitled to the same representation as corps making quarterly reports Sept. 30th preceding.

XVIII. It is earnestly desired that all corps in this Department will be fully represented in Seventh Dep't Convention, and that each and every delegate will be present at the opening and remain until the close of every session and give her best thought to the work of the Convention. If possible, all Resolutions should be prepared ready to present to the Committee on Resolutions at the close of the forenoon session, Wednesday, March 12th. This will greatly expedite the business.

No member should appear in Convention without the W. R. C. badge.

XIX. In obedience to a resolution adopted by the Sixth Department Convention, Mrs. Flo Miller, of Corps No. 64, has been duly appointed to visit the Soldiers Orphans' Home at Normal, Ill., and make a written report to the Seventh Annual Convention, Dep't. of Illinois W. R. C., of the noble work and charity extended the orphans of those who served their Country.

In compliance with orders of Sixth Dept. Convention W. R. C., the School of Instruction will be held after the close of Convention, unless otherwise ordered by the Seventh Dept. Convention.

XX. Rituals, badges, books and unused stationery of Dept. Officers

must be brought or forwarded to Dept. Convention and delivered to their successors.

XXI. Department Treasurer's books will be closed March 1st. Corps wanting supplies must order before that date.

XXII. The following Corps have been instituted since last report.

141,	Chicago.	145,	Ellingham.
142,	Peru.	146,	Raymond.
143,	Blue Island.	147,	Lewiston.
144,	Dwight.	148,	Mound City.

XXIII. Corps Secretaries should at once notify each applicant of her election in writing, and also that unless she present herself for initiation within three months from the time of that notice her election will be void: and all moneys accompanying her application will be forfeited to the Corps Treasury.

Before closing this last General Order of the year, allow me, dear sisters, to thank you, on and all, for the confidence manifested, courtesies extended, and cheerful assistance given the work. I assure you that I appreciate your faithful, united efforts in making the past year one of prosperity and harmony.

I trust that each one of us in looking over the record of the past year can feel that we have done what we could in building up our beloved Order and assisting that noble organization to which we are the honored auxiliary—the Grand Army of the Republic.

We shall ever hold in grateful remembrance the comrades of the G. A. R., especially Gen. J. S. Martin, Dept. Commander, C. A. Partridge, Ass't Adj't. Gen. and the Commander of Alfred Harrison Post No. 152, who have shown by their willingness to assist in every possible way that they fully appreciate the work of the Woman's Relief Corps.

May God bless you all and keep you faithful in good works.

By command of

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

MARTHA LINDSEY,

Department President.

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
PALESTINE, MARCH 3, 1889.

CIRCULAR, {
No. 3. }

Since sending out General Orders No. 10, we have learned that the Western States Passenger Association has made the rate one fare for the round trip to Quincy during the G. A. R. Encampment, the reduction to apply from all points in Illinois: excursion tickets to be sold on

March, 11, 12 and 13, inclusive, good to return until and including March 17.

The Wabash Railroad Co. will sell excursion tickets from points in Illinois to members of the Woman's Relief Corps, and have agreed with Illinois lines to sell tickets to members of the W. R. C. on March 10, 11, 12 and 13, the same to be limited good to return until March 17. The C. B. & Q. and J. S. E., will also sell excursion tickets on their lines on the same dates.

General Orders No. 10 should have read, "The Seventh Annual Convention, Department of Illinois W. R. C. will convene in Trinity Methodist Church, Corner of Jersey and Fifth Streets, Quincy, Ill., Wednesday, March 12th, 1890," instead of "1889."

By Command of

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

MARTHA LINDSEY,

Department Pres.

Department Secretary.

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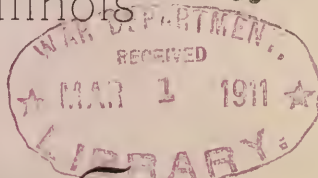
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[AUXILIARY TO THE G. A. R.]

The Eighth Annual Convention of the Department of Illinois Woman's Relief Corps convened at 9 o'clock a. m., in the First Presbyterian church, Decatur, Illinois, on Wednesday, April 8th, 1891, and was called to order by Department President, Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton, and opened in due form with scripture reading and prayer by Department Chaplain, Mrs. Anna E. Morgan.

Mrs. Leaverton—"I would like all Department officers and Past Department Presidents to be seated on the platform."

The following ladies were appointed in General Orders No. 12 to act during the convention, having been previously selected by Corps 4;

Mrs. MARY J. REAVIS,	Corps No. 4,	Conductor.
" MARY BRINKMAN,	" " "	Guard.
" AMAZETTA KEPLEY,	" " "	Ass't Conductor.
" MARY WINEGARDNER,	" " "	Guard.
" SARAH A. PRINGLE,	" " "	Press Reporter.
" H. F. DAVIS,	" " "	Stenographer.
" ANNA L. Hovey,	" " "	Organist.

Secretary called the roll of officers.

Mrs. Leaverton stated that the Junior Vice President was unable to be present owing to sickness.

The Secretary then read the following letter:

OFFICE OF JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT, ELGIN, ILL., April 6, 1891.
 Mrs. DELILAH A. LEAVERTON, Department President, W. R. C.,
 Decatur, Ill., Officers and members of the Eighth Department
 Convention:

GREETINGS TO ALL:—It is with feelings of sorrow and regret that I find it impossible to be with you at the coming convention. Nothing but sickness would prevent me from being present on this important occasion. Hoping this, the Eighth Annual Convention, may prove unusually pleasant and profitable, I am

Yours in F. C. and L.,

ELLEN A. BRYDGES,
 Dep't J. V. President.

Mrs. Charlotte E. Newburn, Department Instituting and Installing Officer, was also detained at home by sickness in her family.

Motion by Mrs. Flo Miller, of Monticello, Ill., that a telegram be sent each of these absent members expressing the sympathy of those present, and hopes for a speedy recovery. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

President appointed Mrs. Flo Miller, of Corps 64, to send the telegram.

Mrs. Leaverton stated that a card had just come to her table bearing the name of Mrs. Wickens, Past Department President of Kansas Woman's Relief Corps, and directed that she be brought to the platform. The lady was presented to the Convention by Mrs. Leaverton with the following words: "I have the pleasure of presenting to you Mrs. Margaret R. Wickens, Past Department President of Kansas W. R. C., and General Agent of the National G. A. R. Memorial College of Oberlin, Kansas. Ladies, Salute."

Mrs. Wickens—"I am very glad indeed to have the pleasure of meeting the members of my old home, Illinois. I am very glad indeed to be with you this morning."

Mrs. Leaverton stated that the next business in order would be the report of the officers, saying: "The officers reports are all printed and ready for distribution, which will be made at the proper time, except that of Department Treasurer. She wished to hold her books open until March 31st, and of course her report could not be printed. What is your pleasure in regard to the officers' reports? Have them read to Convention or refer to the Committee on Officers' Reports?"

Motion by Mrs. Hubbard that the reports be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports without being read, except that of Treasurer. Motion seconded by Mrs. Bender. Carried.

Mrs. Leaverton then read her address, prefacing it with a few explanatory remarks. Applause at the close of her address, which was immediately followed by the Treasurer's report.

The following committees were appointed:

COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Mrs. EVA MUNSON SMITH,	Corps 17,	Springfield.
"	CARRIE B. GRAY, " 82,	East St. Louis.
"	MARY TUCKER, " 141,	Chicago.
"	MARY DAVISSON, " 7,	Bloomington.
"	CARRIE TINKHAM, " 69,	Homer

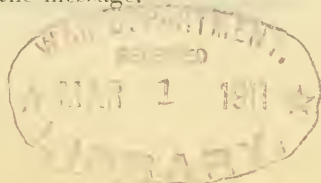
COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Mrs. SUE A. SANDERS,	Corps 35,	Delavan.
"	LIZZIE HUBBARD, " 82,	Aurora.
"	HELEN F. BRISTOL, " 10,	Quincy.
"	SARAH FISKE, " 47,	Ridge Farm.
"	JENNIE B. HOWISON, " 108,	Chicago

A motion was made by Mrs. Sine that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Marks expressing the sympathy of the Convention in her recent bereavement, the death of her mother; also that a committee be appointed by the Department President to convey to Mrs. Marks the message of condolence.

Motion seconded and carried.

Mrs. Julia G. Sine and Mrs. Sue M. Simpson were appointed as a committee to convey the message.



Mrs. Harwood stated that she would like to make the announcement of the entertainment for the evening, saying that she was in receipt of information to the effect that it would be much more pleasant for the ladies to attend the Camp Fire in the Opera House than in the Tent; that seats would be reserved for the delegates; the same distinguished speakers would address both audiences; that music and other entertainment would be provided. The exercises to commence at 8 o'clock p. m.

Mrs. Steele announced that a meeting of the Directors of the Illinois Women's Soldiers' Home Association would be held at 1:30 p. m.

Mrs. Miller then stated that Mrs. Wickens of the Kansas W. R. C. had a few remarks to make to the ladies present; that she would have no other opportunity, and suggested that she be invited to speak.

Mrs. Wickens said: "I have just a word to say to you to-day. I don't want to take up your time very long. Perhaps word has come to you as to how I happened to have the pleasant privilege of meeting with you. I am here as General Agent of the G. A. R. Memorial College located at Oberlin, and wish to bring it before the Illinois convention. I realize fully that you have other matters before you, but would like to speak of this.

"The object of this College is the free education of all Soldiers' children, and the manner in which this institution is maintained is by free contributions and donations, particularly from the Woman's Relief Corps all over the nation, and they ask help of you as one of the Departments leading in the grand work of the Order.

"I can but feel that I have been deeply impressed since coming here to Illinois, the grand old State, and to this Convention, and I am exceedingly anxious that all should have the privilege of contributing to this College. I do not come asking you to draw upon your Treasury; we simply ask that you give the object your hearty endorsement, and to state that members desiring to do so, may pledge a certain sum for a number of

years, five ten, fifteen or twenty dollars per year, for five or more years. Delegates from the different Corps are asked to present this work to their Corps upon their return and aid us in this grand work.

"It is not a school designed for the State of Kansas alone. It is a National College and every Corps is equally interested in it. I will not occupy your time longer. I know you are busy with your own work and matters. I shall be glad to answer any and all questions, and have a prospectus of the school with me, which I will be pleased to deliver to any who may desire."

Motion by Mrs. Amanda Clarkson, of Cairo, that message from Mrs. Wickens be accepted. Seconded by Mrs. Harrison. Carried.

Mrs. Leaverton—"Ladies you remember something about a special committee appointed in General Orders No. 5; this is the result," holding up a beautiful gavel. "I do not know how many have kept the secret. It was intended to be kept.

"This gavel presented by the Department of Illinois W. R. C. to Department of Illinois G. A. R. as a souvenir of the 'Silver Anniversary' of the Grand Army of the Republic, was prepared at a cost of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars, the greater portion of the money being contributed by the Corps of this Department.

"The gavel is made of very fine solid gold, with here and there a strip of sterling silver to relieve the monotony of one color; in the handle is set eighteen genuine diamonds, rubies and sapphires. The entire work is profusely decorated with the various emblems of the Order, done in different colors. It took five expert workmen three weeks to complete the gavel. All who examined it pronounced it the finest piece of work of the kind ever produced in this country.

"Mrs. Julia Sine, Senior Past Department President, has been duly appointed to make the presentation speech to the Twenty-fifth Annual Department Encampment G. A. R. now in session. I want you all to see the gavel before it is presented."

Mrs. Wickens added a few remarks complimentary to the

Convention, after which Mrs. Bradley suggested that it would be well to meet at some point where the G. A. R. parade could be witnessed.

Mrs. Steele—"It is possible that an invitation will be extended to the officers to witness the parade from the reviewing stand. I feel quite positive that it will."

Mrs. Simpson suggested that the Convention form into line on each side of the street, letting the Grand Army pass through.

Mrs. Amanda Clarkson moved that Mrs. Simpson's suggestion be accepted. Seconded by Mrs. Bean and carried.

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Bradley, that the Convention adjourn until 9 o'clock the following morning. Motion carried.

ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT.

To the Officers and Members of the Eighth Dep't. Convention.

DEAR SISTERS: It is to us a privilege to meet in Convention at this time and in this pleasant city, made famous as the place where, on the 6th day of April, 1866, the first Post of the Grand Army of the Republic was organized, with only twelve members. The founder, Major B. F. Stephenson, of Springfield, Illinois, little dreamed to what magnitude this grandest of all armies would attain before twenty-five years should pass.

This noble organization of Union soldiers, bound together by the ties of brotherhood, is broad enough in its fraternity to admit to its ranks all soldiers and sailors who served in the war for the suppression of the Rebellion and have been honorably discharged from such service, upon an equal footing. No distinction is made between those who served their country as officers and those who served as privates, and the boys who enlisted near the close of the war are just as eligible to membership as the veteran, who, by reason of his age, was enabled to enlist in the beginning, consequently the membership of this patriotic and fraternal organization now numbers more than three hundred and ninety-seven thousand.

The patriotic women of our land, ever ready to assist in soldier charities, were banded together in many States as Aid Societies and Relief Corps to assist the various Posts.

Realizing that in union there is strength, and that the work of these societies would be much more effective if directed under a form of government similar to that of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R., extended an invitation to these societies to meet at Denver, Colorado, and perfect a National organization. And it was there that the National Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, was established July 25th, 1883.

with only forty-two members. The membership now is more than a hundred thousand. On January 30th, 1884, in this city, the birth place of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Department of Illinois Women's Relief Corps was organized and started on its mission of charity.

A committee consisting of R. J. Oglesby, J. A. McClermand, R. B. Beath and others came in from the Department Encampment then in session and tendered their regards to the ladies, expressing the opinion that the organization of the Woman's Relief Corps would result in much good, and that the Grand Army of the Republic stood in need of the co-operation of all loyal women, for, as year after year advances the number of old soldiers grows less, those living grow more feeble, and the responsibility grows greater, giving a wider field for works of charity.

Three years after our organization as a Department, this resolution was adopted by the Twenty-first Annual Department Encampment, G. A. R.: "*Resolved*, That the Woman's Relief Corps is the only organization of ladies recognized and endorsed by this Encampment as an auxiliary."

With such encouragement the Woman's Relief Corps of Illinois has accomplished untold good.

In our seven years' existence we have expended in relief nineteen thousand, twenty-eight dollars and fifty cents.

If all the relief work done by Corps had been fully reported, the amount would be much larger.

The membership of the first Department Convention of the Illinois Woman's Relief Corps numbered seventeen. The Eighth Annual Convention of this Department meets with a membership of 567, and out of the twenty-eight organized Departments, Illinois ranked at close of second quarter, June 30, 1890, sixth in relief work and fifth in membership.

If Corps had heeded our oft repeated request to be prompt in sending in reports, we might have ranked much higher in both membership and relief. When Corps quarterly reports are delinquent the Department loses credit for the relief work done by these delinquent Corps as well as their membership.

WORK OF THE YEAR.

On returning home from the Seventh Department Convention, my mind burdened with plans for the coming year's work, knowing that immediately upon my arrival home a circular must be issued and numberless other matters attended to, I found sickness in my family which required my almost constant attendance, leaving no time for scarcely a thought of other things until after days and nights of anxious watching, death came and claimed the sufferer for its own.

Under these trying circumstances is it any wonder that I felt discouraged? But the many kind letters which reached me made the burden easier to bear. Among the many cherished messages, none were more appreciated than this from the Department Grand Army of the Republic Headquarters: "If at any time I can be of any assistance to you, you need not hesitate to call upon these Headquarters for anything."

I shall not attempt in this limited space to give you more than a mere outline of the amount of work done the past year, but will refer you to the reports of the officers and committees for a detailed account of labor performed.

In compliance with orders of Seventh Department Convention, committees have been duly appointed to carry out the resolutions adopted by that body.

Feeling that every member of the Woman's Relief Corps in this Department would be glad to see our National flag in every school in this great State, and to have lessons of patriotism universally taught, a committee was appointed, with consent of the Department Executive Board, to present to the Legislature of Illinois the "Relief Corps Flag Bill." The resolution to present such a bill was adopted by the Sixth Annual Department Convention, but owing to sickness at Past Department Headquarters the Department record did not reach new headquarters until several weeks after the close of the Convention, therefore the written appointment of the Committee for this work did not reach the Chairman until too late to get the bill before the Legislature of 1889.

We hope the time is not far distant when the dear old flag

with its stars and stripes unfurled will find a place in every school, in every church, and in every home in our land.

We have issued twelve General Orders and five Circulars, and have written eighty dispensations allowing applicants to be balloted for and initiated at same meeting.

Circular No. 3, containing information for the benefit of Posts desiring the formation of Relief Corps, was sent to all Posts in this Department in the beginning of the year.

On behalf of the Department of Illinois, Woman's Relief Corps, I ordered a tribute of flowers to be placed upon the tomb of our martyred President, Abraham Lincoln, at the annual service of the L. M. L., April 15, 1890.

A great number of aids were appointed from various Corps in the Department for the purpose of having our work as a Woman's Relief Corps brought before or represented to each Post that had had no Auxiliary. The result of this is that twenty-four Corps have been instituted since the last Convention and others are pending.

You will see by the Department Secretary's report that the membership as reported at close of fourth quarter, 1890, was 5,471. The gain by the institution of new Corps since that time is 126, and could we give the membership of the first quarter in 1891, which reports are now due at Department headquarters, the number gained would probably be much greater.

The amount expended for relief during the year is \$5,914.10. The amount turned over to Posts is \$1,276.94, making a total of \$7,191.04. This does not include the \$177.76 for Whisman, reported in General Orders No. 12.

The Corps that have donated to the Whisman fund since General Orders No. 12 were issued are :

No. 97	Prophetstown	\$ 1 00
" 140	Joliet	2 55
" 146	Raymond	1 00
" 15	Pontiac	3 45
" 117	Waukegan,	2 00
" 3	Elgin	5 30
" 42	Harrisburg	1 15
" 158	McLean	1 80
" 136	Englewood	3 00
" 73	Chicago	95

Total received for this fund

\$199 96

INSPECTION.

Much credit is due Department Inspector, Mrs. Mary E. McCauley, and her able assistants for the thorough inspection of the Corps in this Department. Some of the assistants were obliged, on account of sickness, to resign after their routes had been assigned. But by the indomitable energy and perseverance of the Department Inspector and the cheerful willingness of our co-workers, this important and laborious work was successfully completed.

It was truly gratifying to receive from Corps Presidents such words as these: "Thanks for sending us such a good Inspector, one so able to instruct in the work. She has won all hearts."

From the Assistant Inspectors' reports received at Department headquarters giving the "condition and prospects" of the Corps, we were enabled to more fully understand their true condition and progress, which knowledge proved in many cases a valuable help that could have been obtained in no other way.

You will notice that Department Inspector reports that "One Corps surrendered its charter after General Orders No. 7 were issued." Such, of course, must have been the report to the Inspector, but I will say here that no charter nor supplies were received at Department headquarters within the time of inspection.

A card was received from the President of Corps No. 225, Bucyrus, Crawford County, Department of Ohio, which reads, as follows: "I mail you to-day Charter of Mother Bickerdyke Corps, which has been wandering through the mails until it has finally landed in my possession. Hope it will reach you safely."

The charter did reach me safely on December 23d, 1890, *after* the close of inspection.

The record of Mother Bickerdyke Corps shows that the Corps voted to surrender charter July 15, 1890.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Nearly twenty-three years ago Illinois' illustrious soldier, John A. Logan, as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, in General Orders, designated May 30th as a

day for decorating the graves of our fallen heroes with the choicest flowers of spring time, and to raise above them the flag they saved from dishonor.

This sacred day, established by the Grand Army of the Republic, is a day on which our Nation delights to honor in a special manner the memory of its heroic dead.

Mrs. Kate B. Sherwood, National President in 1885, issued the first Memorial Order from Headquarters of the Woman's Relief Corps, a portion of which says: "The veterans of a hundred battles will go forth laden with Spring's brightest blossoms, to strew them in memory of their comrades dead.

"Women of the Relief Corps, be it yours to twine these blossoms of imperishable love. Be it yours to teach your sons and daughters to gather the treasures of wood and lawn, to wreath them into crosses that shall tell of sacrifices endured, into crowns that tell of glory won." To this call the Corps readily responded, and from that time, each year this hallowed day has become more generally observed. This is true of the Department of Illinois, as you will see by the Department Chaplain's Report. She says: "A marked feature in the reports received is the great number of children participating in the services, there being six thousand two hundred and twelve reported. But that is far short of the number, for in some reports whole public schools were given."

This is, truly, a day in which lessons of patriotism may be taught to our children, and their young minds filled with reverence for the memory of those silent sleepers whose graves we decorate.

In accordance with the vote of the Seventh Department Convention, twenty-five dollars were sent from Department Treasury to Sheridan Post No. 67, of Tennessee, to decorate the graves of soldiers in Stone River Cemetery. A fraternal acknowledgement of receipt of same was sent through Department Headquarters to Department Treasurer.

Corps reported 5,126 flags sent to decorate Union Soldiers' graves at Andersonville and other Southern cemeteries.

In General Orders No. 4, issued from G. A. R. Headquarters, Department of Georgia, we read:

“SAVANNAH, GA., June 28, 1890.

At a meeting of the Council of Administration held at Hotel Lanier, Macon, Ga., May 30, 1890, the following proceedings were had :

“Comrade C. Coe Young, Past Department Commander of New York being present, reported that he had been furnished over seven thousand flags for decorating the graves at Andersonville, and also a small amount of money; that he had arranged for placing the flags on the graves, which had been done, and that the small balance of money on hand he would turn over to the Department, and asked that the donors be thanked in General Orders.

Comrade Henry Burns offered the following :

WHEREAS, The Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Illinois, in Department Encampment assembled, unanimously resolved that the various Corps of said Department should contribute flags for the purpose of decorating graves of Union soldiers at Andersonville; and

WHEREAS, Seven thousand two hundred and fifty flags have been received, together with sundry sums of money; therefore be it

Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of this Department be tendered, through their Department President, to the various Corps for their patriotic effort made in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic of this Department, thereby assisting us to suitably observe Memorial day at Andersonville, and place above the grave of each Comrade the emblem for which he fought and gave his life.

On motion of Comrade A. E. Sholes, Past Senior Vice Department Commander, the resolutions were adopted and ordered promulgated in General Orders.

The acknowledgments marked one package and others received without advices, are sufficient to bring the number received up to 7,400 flags. This number, with those on hand from decorations, proved to be enough to place one on each grave, and the cemetery decorated in that manner was a beautiful sight.

It is with sincere pleasure that the Department Commander carries out the expressed wishes of the Council of Administration, and tenders to the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Illinois, the heartfelt thanks of the Comrades of the Department of Georgia for their timely, appropriate and useful gifts. We remember the influence which loyal women exercised during the war, and its effect upon our cause; we remember their devotion and sacrifices, and we gratefully accept this present reminder of their loving remembrance of the "boys" who gave their lives for the country.

[Official.]

DAVID PORTER,
Department Commander."

THOMAS S. GLEASON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

FINANCE.

The financial condition of this Department is good, there being a sufficient amount of supplies on hand to meet the present demand, and money in the Treasury, the exact amount of which is given in the Treasurer's report.

We went to the Eighth National Convention free of debt, and all bills against the Department have been settled up to March 31st, 1891.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. As there is a Department Relief Fund for the purpose of assisting needy Union Soldiers and Sailors and their widows and orphans that are not in the jurisdiction of subordinate Corps, I recommend that there be a Department Relief Committee to whom the Department President may refer all applications for relief; it to be the duty of said committee to investigate all applications for relief, and report to Department Headquarters.

2. I recommend that the Department President may, by the consent of Department Executive Board, replenish the Department Relief fund from the Department General Fund if necessary to meet the calls of needy Union Soldiers and Sailors, their widows and orphans.

3. I recommend that this Convention adopt some plan

whereby a Home may be secured in this department for the needy wives and mothers of the Union Soldiers and Sailors and for our army nurses.

4. I recommend that the Department of Illinois Woman's Relief Corps be represented at the Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1893.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence has been much larger during the past year than I had anticipated.

I thought I had answered every question that could be thought of last year, but I find that I have answered over one thousand *this* year. If members when asking questions would enclose stamp for return postage, it would lessen very much the bills for postage at Department Headquarters.

None except those who have the experience, can form any idea of the amount of writing done at the Department Headquarters.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Especial thanks are due Department Commander Wm. L. Distin and Assistant Adjutant General A. D. Reade, for courtesies extended, for offers of assistance, and for kind and prompt answers to all letters of inquiry.

In behalf of the Department of Illinois W. R. C., I wish to thank all Post Commanders and Comrades who have in any way assisted in the formation of auxiliaries to Posts in this Department.

We are under obligations to Mrs. Lippincott, Matron of Hospital at Soldiers and Sailors Home, Quincy, Ill., for her excellent report of donations from various Corps in this Department.

I desire in this public way to thank the Committee of Corps No. 78, of Norwood, Mass., for the beautiful elaborate floral decorations at Illinois W. R. C. Headquarters during Eighth National Encampment at Boston.

Last, but not least, we are truly grateful to each Department Officer and Aide for the interest manifested and for their efficient work, thus making the year one of success to the Order.

CONCLUSION.

When over one year ago you placed me by unanimous consent for the second time in the position of Department President, I, being conscious that the honor came to me unsolicited (therefore the more appreciated) resolved to throw if possible more earnestness into the work, and to teach by precept and example the fraternity, charity and loyalty that are the foundation stones of our Order. All the time that could possibly be spared from my home cares was devoted to my duties as Department President, and in reviewing the year's work I feel that my teachings and work have not been in vain for the year has been one of harmony and prosperity.

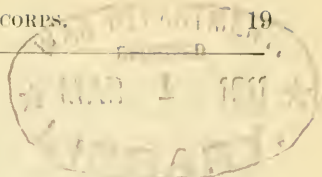
I trust that this, our Eighth Annual Convention, may result in much good to the Order. Let me urge you all to give close attention to each Resolution, Recommendation and Motion that may be presented for your consideration, and decide in such a manner that you may have nothing to regret when too late.

Let not personal preference influence you in electing officers and delegates for the coming year; but from the many able women of your number select those who are best qualified to fill these places of trust and will guard well the honor of our beloved Order that this Department may still as in the past, rank one of the foremost in membership and charity.

Dear Sisters, giving my services as President of this Department has brought me much pleasure. I have no higher ambition than to serve, as well as I am able, the Order I love so well.

I shall ever hold in fond remembrance the fraternity that has been extended to me, glad if I have advanced the work and helped in any way that noble organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, whose honored auxiliary we are.

May the Great Commander of us all guard and direct this Department.



REPORT DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT.

MORRIS, ILL., Feb. 21, 1891.

MRS. MARTHA L. MARTIN, Department Secretary:

Fully appreciating the high honor conferred upon me by the Seventh Department Convention, and with heartfelt thanks for the confidence displayed by so large a majority of friends there assembled, I hereby, in obedience to Rules and Regulations of the Order, with pleasure present through you my report as Senior Vice President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Illinois.

Immediately after returning home from Quincy, I communicated my desire to Department President to assist in any way possible, her efforts for a successful year's work, well knowing that with her superior knowledge and the ability displayed in the several offices she had so ably filled, there would be but very little if anything for me to do.

Fortunately it was my good pleasuse to be in attendance at the National convention held in Boston, last August, and although there were so many places of interest to visit in that ever memorable and historical city, deemed it my bounden duty to be present, *on time*, at every session, remaining until its close, believing that the important work of Convention should take precedence over sightseeing or trying to combine business with pleasure, which in either case terminates in a disastrous failure. In too many instances the business which is to devise ways and means for the upbuilding and advancement of our noble Order, is lost sight of entirely by delegates from Corps and Departments. Our hearts should be so fired with patriotism and love for the grand work in which we are engaged, that no opportunity should be lost to treasure up the grand lessons taught by the distinguished and noble women gathered from all parts of our broad land, to legislate in the

best possible manner for the good of our cause which was to assist the grandest Order on earth, the Grand Army of the Republic, who acknowledges the Woman's Relief Corps as its *only* auxiliary, whose triple motto, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, should be our highest ambition to emulate and bend all energies to carry out in its broadest sense. Let us never fail in giving due homage to the living heroes who imperiled their lives to uphold the old flag while we fondly cherish the memories of those who so nobly fell in defence of our liberties.

Too much valuable time is wasted during conventions in clamouring for honors and preferments for individual favorites, forgetting that the offices should be held by those who have the best executive ability, indomitable perseverance and courage to fill them, sinking personal friendship entirely in the selection.

The inspection of twelve Corps was assigned to me as Assistant Inspector, which work I endeavored to perform to the best of my ability, and heartily enjoyed the personal welcome and co-operation of Corps officers and members, whose kindness will ever be cherished so long as memory lasts. To Mrs. Mary E. McCanley, Department Inspector, thanks for a letter of commendation for services rendered as Assistant Inspector, and to Department President for the uniform kind and courteous attention she has ever shown me, and as we sever the relations of the past year may the silver chord of fraternal affection strengthen and become more enthusiastic in the glorious work of caring for our patriotic Union Veterans whose deeds we praise, and memory we honor.

In conclusion I beg to offer the following recommendations:

1st. That honorable mention of those who are *workers* in the Order be given for National or Department favors instead of to those who only pay dues, and never by their presence in Corps meetings, or by individual work do anything for the *good* of the Order.

2d. When in doubt as to *who* are entitled to honors, Corps Presidents could give valuable information that might bring

some to the front, who are otherwise eclipsed by those who are only seen on State occasions, or dress parade.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. L.

JENNIE BROSS,
Dept. Senior Vice President.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT.

ELGIN, ILL., Feb. 25, 1891.

MRS. MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN, Department Secretary
W. R. C.

In accordance with requirements I hereby submit a brief report of Department Junior Vice President.

When I assumed the duties of this office, I resolved to perform them to the best of my ability, and as far as possible with credit to the Department, and Corps No. 3, of which I am a member. I have not neglected any known duty, although with the offices of President and Senior Vice President so ably filled, there has been but little left for me to do. I have held myself in readiness to do whatever might be required of me, but feel that I have received more benefit from the office than I have imparted, for through more diligent study into the workings of the Order, and intercourse and correspondence with members of the Department, I realize more fully than before the importance and grandeur of our work. The past year has been a pleasant and profitable one, and I trust we may earnestly labor to make the coming one surpass the preceding, a year in which shall be recorded great blessings, benefits to our beloved Order, and the veteran and his family.

Let us never allow our zeal to lag, until we see a comfortable home in our great and growing State, where the old and dependent veteran and his faithful wife may spend their declining years together, blessed with the happy assurance that their sufferings and sacrifices were not in vain nor unappreciated.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

ELLEN A. BRYDGES,
Department Junior Vice President.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SECRETARY.

MRS. DELILAH A. LEAVERTON, Department President W. R. C.

DEAR MADAM:—I have the honor to submit to you and the members of the Eighth Department Convention the following report:

At the beginning of the year 1890, the members in good standing in this Department numbered 4,590.

GAIN.		LOSS.	
From all Sources.		From all Sources.	
1st quarter.....	372	1st quarter.....	278
2d "	489	2d "	561
3d "	618	3d "	330
4th "	867	4th "	245
Total gain	2346	Total loss.....	1415
Number in good standing December 31, 1890.....		5471	

Three thousand seven hundred and forty-eight dollars and thirteen cents in cash have been expended for relief during the year, and two thousand one hundred and forty dollars and ninety seven cents other than money, thereby giving aid to 1,092 soldiers and their families, and 346 members and their families; making a total of 1438 persons assisted.

The different Corps have turned over to Posts sums amounting to \$1,276.94.

Twenty-five dollars have been taken from Department Relief fund, making the whole amount expended for relief during the year \$7,191.04.

CORPS INTSITUTED SINCE THE SEVENTH DEPARTMENT CONVENTION.

April 12, 1890.....	John Baird.....	No. 152	Viriden
April 12, ...	Carlyle	153.....	Carlyle
April 2, ...	G. L. Keedy.....	154.....	Minonk
April 15, ...	Frank Lowry.....	155.....	Clinton
April 23, ...	Woodruff.....	156....	Washburn
July 24, ...	Delaney.....	157.....	Alton
July 10, ...	H. W. Wood.....	158.....	McLean
Aug. 29, ...	Melvin	159....	Melvin
Sep. 4, ...	Black Eagle.....	169.....	Urbana
Aug. 28, ...	A. E. Burnside.....	169.....	Chicago

Sep. 8,	Col. Wm. Brooks.....	161.....Brooklyn
Nov. 1,	Cerro Gordo.....	163.....Cerro Gordo
Nov. 12,	Yorkville.....	164.....Yorkville
Nov. 8,	Wm. H. Tandy.....	165.....Payson
Nov. 10,	Seth C. Earl.....	166.....Ottawa
Dec. 18,	George Yocum.....	167.....Vermont
Jan. 19, 1891	E. C. Camp.....	168.....Benent
Jan. 27,	Jo Hanna.....	169.....Pekin
Feb. 14,	Col. C. H. Morton.....	170.....Quincy
Feb. 28,	Gen. Mansfield.....	171.....Mansfield
Mar. 11,	Tolono.....	172.....Tolono
*	Sandwich.....	173.....Sandwich
Mar. 20,	Swain.....	174.....Tiskilwa
Mar. 13,	Columbia.....	175.....Chicago
April 1,	Whittier.....	176.....Chicago

Corps which have disbanded and forwarded supplies to Department Headquarters since last Department Convention are:

John Hittle.....	No. 51.....	Mackinaw
Sidell.....	101.....	Sidell
Thomas Markley.....	102.....	Hutsonville
Mother Bickerdyke.....	115.....	Edinburg

The Assistant Inspector visited No. 53 and was informed that they had surrendered Charter; but their supplies and Charter have not reached Headquarters.

Corps No. 56 has made no report since the fourth quarter in 1888, and though several letters have been written urging them to take up the work anew, or surrender Charter, no reply has been received.

Nos. 79 and 98 have not fully decided whether to surrender or not.

No. 105 has stated that it would not continue as a Corps but has not yet sent in supplies.

Since last Department Convention, there have been sent to Corps Presidents, Department Officers, Past Department Officers (1889), National W. R. C. Headquarters, Department G. A. R. Headquarters, the Presidents of W. R. C. Departments and to all others who requested them, twelve Department General Orders, five Department Circulars and Proceedings of Seventh Department Convention.

*Application received, but sickness prevented the Corps from being instituted,

In addition to this, twelve National General Orders, one National Inspector's Circular, one W. R. C. Home Circular, the Republic Magazine Circular and Department Roster were sent to Corps Presidents, Department Officers and Past Department Officers, of 1889.

Two passwords, blanks for Secretary's and Treasurer's quarterly report for each quarter in 1890 and first quarter in 1891, Memorial Day blanks, Election Returns and "Flag Bill" Petitions have been forwarded to Corps Presidents.

Proceedings of Seventh National Convention were sent to all Corps which did not receive them at Seventh Department Convention.

Department Circular No. 3 was sent to each Post in this Department early in 1890.

DONATIONS TO S. & S. HOME, QUINCY, ILL.

No. 110, TAYLORVILLE—1 comfort, 1 quilt, 1 mirror, 1 bedspread, 1 pillow, 1 tablecloth, 2 sheets, 6 pair of pillow-cases, 1 towel, 4 napkins, 1 handkerchief, 1 pincushion, 3 pair drawers, 6 rolls bandages, 3 glasses jelly, 2 bottles catsup, 1 mush and milk set. Total value \$12.70.

No. 45, STERLING—One quilt.

No. 80, DEKALB—One quilt, valued at \$2.25.

No. 81, CHICAGO—Thanksgiving box and Christmas box.

No. 59, EARLVILLE—2 head-rests, 1 feather chair cushion, $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen button bags, 1 quilt, books and papers.

No. 35, DELAVAN—Box fruits and jellies, valued at \$4.60.

DONATIONS TO SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME, NORMAL, ILL.

No. 110, TAYLORVILLE—6 pounds candy, 3 pounds peanuts, 3 gallons hickory nuts, besides oranges, toys, picture cards and picture books.

No. 92, CHICAGO—Box of toys, valued at \$10.00.

No. 22, NUNDA—Box of toys and games, valued \$4.11.

No. 25, PAXTON—Box Christmas toys.

No. 108, CHICAGO—1 piano, valued at three hundred and twenty-five dollars with stool and cover, fifty dollars worth of toys.

SUPPLIES AT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.

1 letter press.	1 trunk for use of Secretary.
1 Department banner.	8 written rosters.
1 Department Charter (framed).	1 Department record book.
1 gavel.	1 book in which to copy quar. reports.
1 Department seal.	84 Secretary's blanks.
10 seal wafers.	92 Treasurer's blanks.
1 yard ribbon	45 Memorial Day blanks.
1 map of Illinois.	61 Asst I. & I. Officers' blanks.
4 letter files.	86 Election returns.
1 General Order file.	47 blank Applications for Charter.
1 letter book.	1 picture Mrs. Lois Holbrook.
1 brush for letter books.	3 pictures Comrade January.
1 blue book.	1 box miscellaneous supplies.
	1 Register.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1st. That a binding similar to a "letter file" be prepared in which to file Department Secretary's reports, and that the large book now in use be dispensed with.

2nd. That, in order to relieve Department Secretary of much unnecessary labor and to lessen the expense of printing but one copy of General Orders or Circulars be sent to each Corps President.

3d. Since there are in this Department two hundred and forty-nine Past Corps Presidents, as shown by election returns four Past Department Presidents and sixty or more Past Department Officers, I earnestly recommend that Resolution No. 2 adopted by Seventh Department Convention be repealed.

I close my last report as Secretary of this Department with kindly feelings toward every member of the Woman's Relief Corps, and an earnest wish for the prosperity of the Order.

MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN.

Department Secretary.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT TREASURER.

OFFICE DEPARTMENT TREASURER, W. R. C.,
Bloomington, Ill., 1891.

MRS MARTHA MARTIN, Department Secretary Woman's Relief Corps:

In compliance with our Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to submit herewith my financial statement from March 17, 1890 to April 1, 1891.

ACCOUNT CURRENT.

Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, in account with the Woman's Relief Corps.

DR.

Cash on hand per last report.....	\$ 212.19
Received for per Capita Tax.....	1,634.48
“ “ Charter Fees.....	125.00
“ “ supplies.....	1,516.52
“ “ National W. R. C. Home, Madison, Ohio.....	70.00
“ “ Monument Fund.....	25.00
“ “ Convention proceedings.....	1.68
“ balance fund donated to Rosa Berryman.....	61.32
Total to be accounted for.....	\$3,646.19

CR.

By disbursment as per abstract.....	\$3,166.85
Cash on hand.....	479.34
Total accounted for.....	\$3,646.19

ABSTRACT OF PER CAPITA TAX.

Received first quarter.....	\$377.04
“ second “	393.52
“ third “	417.36
“ fourth “	446.56
Total.....	\$1,634.48

SUPPLIES ON HAND.

132 badges, all grades.....	\$ 39.60
9 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards badge ribbon.....	1.85
246 Emblems for Past Officers badges.....	4.92
147 Rituals.....	26.40
30 Installation services.....	5.40
23 Burial Services.....	1.84
1 Rules and Regulations.....	03
130 Applications for membership.....	65
98 Corps relief reports.....	49
230 Treasurer's Bonds.....	2.30
12 Corps Requisitions.....	1.80
14 Sheet music, Opening Ode.....	1.12
12 Sheet music, Initiation March.....	2.40
91 Ode cards.....	91
240 Ritual cards.....	2.40
62 Discharge cards.....	77 $\frac{1}{2}$
49 Transfer cards.....	61 $\frac{1}{2}$
100 Visiting cards.....	1.25
3 Journals.....	2.10
1 Ledger.....	80
31 Black Books.....	2.48
25 Old Rituals.....	4.50
63 Old Ritual cards.....	63
2 Roll books.....	1.60
17 Order books.....	6.80
2 Dept. Sec'y Order books.....	1.26
2 General Order files.....	1.00
1430 Arrearage blanks.....	5.72
37 Large electrotypes.....	11.10
5 Small electrotypes.....	1.00
68 Specimen sheets ledger and cash books.....	2.04
148 Bronzed recognition pins.....	29.60
8 Gold recognition pins.....	19.00
6 Letter Files.....	3.60
Total.....	\$188.04

ABSTRACT OF EXPENDITURES.

First Quarter from March 17th to June 30, 1890.

Mrs. Sallie Freeman, member of Executive Board, expenses to Department Convention, Order No. 88.....	\$ 21.90
Miss Martha Lindsey, Department Secretary, expenses to Department Convention, Order 87.....	25.97
Miss Martha Lindsey, Department Secretary, expenses and telegrams, Order No. 89.....	7.40
Mrs. D. A. Leaverton, Department President, expenses to Department Convention, Order No. 97.....	29.27
Mrs. D. A. Leaverton, wreath for A. Lincoln's tomb and Charter frame, Order No. 94.....	5.25

Mrs. ¹ Mary Stadden, Department Sen. Vice President, expenses to Department Convention, Order No. 95.....	14.65
Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, expenses to Department Convention, Order No. 1.....	19.50
Mrs. Sue Sanders, member of Executive Board, expenses to Department Convention, Order No. 90.....	18.97
Mrs. Sue Sanders, expenses as Chairman of Executive Board, Order No. 93.....	20.25
Mrs. Sarah Hammon, Department I. & I. Officer, expense to Department Convention, Order 96.....	11.97
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, member Executive Board, expenses to Department Convention, Order No. 2.....	17.75
Mrs. Sarah Bradford, expenses to National Convention to answer Mrs. Sanders' appeal, Order No. 91.....	34.91
Mrs. Sarah Bradford, postage, envelopes and expenses to Department Convention, Order No. 92.....	12.21
Mrs. Mary R. Fletcher, Department Chaplain, expenses to Department Convention, Order No. 3.....	15.00
Alexander Bros., printing envelopes and circulars, Order, No. 4.....	4.00
Mrs. A. A. Cheney, National Treasurer, for per Capita tax, Order No. 5.....	69.51
Mrs. D. A. Leaverton, Department President, floral wreath for A. Lincoln's tomb, Order No. 7.....	3.00
Alexander Bros., Printing, Order No. 9.....	22.00
F. D. Alexander, express, Order No. 11.....	3.50
Mrs. Julia G. Sine, member Executive Board, expenses from Rockford to Chicago and return and board at Quincy, Order No. 6.....	15.50
Alexander Bros., printing, Order No. 15.....	39.45
Mrs. Martha Martin, Department Secretary, first quarter salary, Order No. 8.....	37.07
Mrs. Martha Martin, Department Secretary, postage and money orders, Order No. 10.....	6.00
R. C. Rogers & Co., letter book, cash and ledger, Order No. 13.....	3.75
Mrs. A. A. Cheney, National Treasurer, supplies, Order No. 14.....	200.00
Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, salary, first quarter, Order No. 16.....	37.07
S. O. Merrill, Nashville, Tenn., for flowers to decorate soldiers graves in Stone River Cemetery, Order No. 17.....	25.00
Mrs. D. A. Leaverton, Department President, postage, Order No. 18.....	15.00
Mrs. Marilla Ward, member Executive Board, expenses to Department Convention, Order No. 19.....	13.23
Miss Josephine Cleveland, Department Inspector, expenses to Department Convention and postage, Order No. 20.....	14.50
Alexander Bros., printing, Order No. 21.....	20.50
M. Umbdenstock & Co., photo prints of Past Department Presidents for Department Journals, Order No. 22.....	25.00
Mrs. Jacob Affolter, at Alhambra, Ill., needy soldier's widow for relief, Order No. 23.....	5.00
Alexander Bros., Printing, Order No. 24.....	6.75
Mrs. A. A. Cheney, National Treasurer, supplies, Order No. 26.....	159.47

Total expended first quarter... \$1,020.30

 Second Quarter, from July 1st to September 30, 1890.

Mrs. A. A. Cheney, National Treasurer per Capita Tax, Order No. 27.....	\$ 68.41
Mrs. D. A. Leaverton, Department President, box to ship Department banner, Order No. 29.....	1.50
Mr. Umbdenstock, 1,000 leaves of photo prints of Department President for Department Journals, Order No. 28.....	20.00
Mrs. Mary, McCauley, Department Inspector, expenses to Palestine and return, Order No. 30.....	4.90
C. S. Cole for 57 badges for National Convention, Order No. 31	12.75
F. D. Alexander, express and telegrams, Order No. 32.....	8.70
Alexander Bros., printing General Orders, Order No. 33.....	10.15
Alexander Bros, printing Rosters, Order No. 34.....	23.00
Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, office expenses from March 17th to July 23d, Order No. 35.....	26.48
Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, salary second quarter, Order No. 36.....	38.30
Mrs. Martha Martin, Department Secretary, salary second quarter, Order No. 37.....	38.30
Mrs. Martha Martin, Department Secretary, postage, Order No. 38.....	13.70
Alexander Bros., printing Seventh Department Journals, Order No. 40.....	111.50
Mrs. D. A. Leaverton, Department President, expenses to National Convention, Order No. 39.....	55.00
Murray Briggs & Son, work on Department Journals, Order No. 41.....	103.30
F. D. Alexander, for express, Order No. 42.....	5.00
Total expended second quarter.....	\$ 540.90

Third quarter from October 1st to December 31st, 1890.

Alexander Bros, printing General Orders, Order No. 43.....	\$ 13.50
Mrs. Sarah Boles, for relief, Order No. 44.....	10.00
Alexander Bros., 200 Postal Cards, and printing on same, Order No. 45.....	3.00
Mrs. A. A. Cheney, National Treasurer, per capita tax, Order No. 47.....	72.74
F. D. Alexander, express and freight, Order No. 46.....	8.45
Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, salary third quarter, Order No. 48.....	40.47
Mrs. A. A. Cheney, National Treasurer, supplies, Order No. 49.	200.00
Mrs. Martha Martin, Department Secretary, salary third quarter, Order No. 50.....	40.47
Mrs. Martha Martin, Department Secretary, postage, Order No. 51.....	24.68
Mrs. Georgie Berry, Delegate at large to Eighth National Convention, Order No. 52.....	48.90
Mrs. Mary McCauley, Department Inspector, postage, express and inspection expenses, Order No. 53.....	26.46
Mrs. Carrie Cochemmou, Assistant Inspector's expenses, Order No. 54.....	11.94

Mrs. Hattie Mitchell, Assistant Inspector's expenses, Order No. 55	12.20
Mrs. Sue Thompson, Assistant Inspector's expenses, Order No. 57	5.58
Mrs. Carrie Becker, Assistant Inspectors' expenses, Order No. 58	7.00
Alexander Bros., Printing, Order No. 56	6 00
Mrs. Flo Miller, Assistant Inspector's expenses, Order No. 64 ..	23.70
Miss Jennie Bross, Assistant Inspector's expenses, Order No. 59 ..	12.21
Mrs. Charlotte Newburn, Assistant Inspector's expenses, Order No. 63	4.30
Mrs. Mary Davisson, Assistant Inspector's expenses, Order No. 62	11.64
Mrs. Julia G. Sine, Assistant Inspector's expenses, Order No. 60	7.17
Total expended third quarter....	\$ 590.41

Fourth Quarter from January 1st to March 31st, 1891.

Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, office expenses from July 23d to December 31st, Order No. 65....	20.86
H. K. Alexander, Printing, Order No. 77	11.00
Mrs. Rose Webber, Assistant Inspector's expenses, Order No. 68	13.51
F. D. Alexander, express and telegrams, Order No. 67.....	6.85
Mrs. Electa Finlay, Assistant Inspector's expenses, Order No. 70	5.30
Mrs. Carrie Cochenour, Assistant Inspector's expenses, Order No. 73	15.25
Mrs. Lida Oldroyd, Assistant Inspector's expenses, Order No. 71	1.40
Mrs. Mary E. Stone, Assistant Inspector's expenses, Order No. 75	3.35
Mrs. Mary McCauley, Department Inspector's expenses, Order No. 74.....	21.15
E. B. Stillings & Co., for mailing National Journals, Order No. 66	14.60
Mrs. Hattie Mitchell, Assistant Inspector's expenses, Order No. 69.....	8.25
Mrs. A. A. Cheney, National Treasurer, supplies, Order No. 78 ..	200.00
Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, postage and wrapping cord on 150 packages of Rituals, Order No. 79.....	9 10
Miss Jennie Bross, Assistant Inspector's expenses, Order No. 72 ..	.64
Mrs. Ellen Brydges, Assistant Inspector's Railway fare and postage, Order No. 61	8.54
Mrs. A. A. Cheney, National Treasurer, per capita tax, Order No. 80	82.07
Mrs. D. A. Leaverton, Department President, postage and telegrams, Order No. 76.....	20.00
H. K. Alexander, Printing, Order No. 81.....	7.50
Mrs. Lizzie Hubbard, Assistant Inspector's expenses, Order No. 82	6.38
Mrs. Susan Alphonso, Assistant Inspector's expenses, Order No. 83	4.50

Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, salary Fourth quarter, Order No. 84	46.89
Streator Corps, cancelled order for supplies, Order No. 85.....	1.00
Mrs. Martha Martin, Department Secretary, salary fourth quarter, Order No. 86.....	46.89
Mrs. Martha Martin, Department Secretary, postage, Order No. 87.....	26.81
Mrs. Mary Humphrey, Assistant Inspector's expenses, Order No. 88.....	14.67
No. 89.....	1.98
Mrs. Salome Wilson, Assistant Inspector's expenses, Order H. K. Alexander, printing, Order No. 90	8.00
Mrs. Sarah Boles, for relief, Order No. 91.....	10.00
H. K. Alexander, printing, Order No. 94.....	10.25
Mrs. Ella Cobean, expenses as committee to visit Orphans' Home, Order No. 92.....	1.95
Mrs. Mary Bradley, postage in the Dakota case, Order No. 93.	40
Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, office expenses from Jan. 6th to March 31st, Order No. 95.....	20.66
Mrs. A. A. Cheney, National Treasurer, supplies, Order No. 96	232.65
Mrs. A. A. Cheney, National Treasurer, for National W. R. C. Home at Madison, Ohio, Order No. 97.....	70.00
Mrs. D. A. Leaverton, Department President, postage, Order No. 98	10.00
C. S. Cole, printing 400 Convention badges, Order No. 99.....	40.00
Mrs. Martha Martin, Department Secretary, postage from Dec. 31st to March 31st, Order No. 100.....	15.00
F. D. Alexander, express and telegrams, Order No. 101.....	5.00
H. K. Alexander, printing, Order No. 102	2.75
Total expended fourth quarter.....	\$1,015.15

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

First Quarter.....	\$ 1020.30
Second Quarter.....	540.99
Third Quarter.....	500.41
Fourth Quarter.....	1015.15
Total Expenditures.....	\$ 3166.85

ASSETS.

Supplies on hand per abstract.....	\$ 188.04
Cash on hand.....	479.34
Amount due from Corps.....	06
Total.....	\$ 667.44

LIABILITIES—None.

I wish to speak of the following letter received of Mr. S. O. Merrill, Nashville, Tenn., acknowledging receipt of \$25.00 sent by the Department to decorate soldiers' graves in Stone River Cemetery:

"Sheridan Post accepts your bounty and faithfully promises to expend it in such remembrance of the noble sons of Illinois who sleep where they fell in the beautiful Cemetery upon the Stone River Battle Ground, as their surviving comrades would desire.

"Ours will be a labor of love this year and we only wish that many of the surviving comrades in Illinois could be with us on that day. May God bless your noble order.

"Yours faithfully in F. C. and L.

S. O. MERRILL."

In closing my report, Mrs. President and Secretary, I wish to express my gratefulness for your uniform kindness; also thank one and all for the many cheerful letters. Hoping that the friendship created may prove lasting.

Respectfully submitted,

ADA CARLTON.

Department Treasurer.

REPORT OF RELIEF FUND.

MRS. MARTHA MARTIN, Department Secretary W. R. C.

I have the honor to submit the following report.

DR.

Amount on hand last report.....	\$ 51.76
Received of Mrs Electa Finlay balance of fund donated to Rosa Berryman.....	61.32
Total.....	\$ 113.08

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Expended as per order No. 23 for Mrs. Jacob Affolter.....	\$ 5.00
Mrs. Sarah Boles, Orders Nos. 44 and 91.....	20.00
Balance to new account.....	\$ 88.08

Respectfully submitted,

ADA CARLTON,

Department Treasurer.

Money and value of donations sent to National W. R. C. Home at Madison, Ohio:

Received in response to call of Department President in General Order No. 8, the following amounts:

No. 96, DuQuoin	\$ 2.00
No. 81, Chicago	5.00
No. 121, Galesburg	5.00
No. 36, Gardner	5.00
No. 82, East St. Louis	5.00
No. 52, Marengo	2.00
No. 70, Carthage	2.00
No. 89, Springfield	1.00
No. 159, Washburn	5.00
No. 18, Sycamore	1.00
No. 156, Melyin	5.00
No. 143, Blue Island	5.00
No. 40, Elmwood	2.00
No. 47, Quincy	10.00
No. 50, Oquawka	5.00
No. 120, Albion	5.00
No. 16, Morris	5.00
Total	\$ 70.00

VALUE OF DONATIONS.

No. 1, Rockford	\$ 10.00
No. 19, Galva	3.00
No. 80, DeKalb	14.50
No. 89, Springfield	6.46
No. 113, Plano	10.35
No. 6, Monmouth	11.68
No. 81, Chicago, box containing sheets, pillow cases, towels, etc.	
Total value of donations	\$ 55.99

Respectfully submitted,

ADA CARLTON,
Department Treasurer.

MEMORIAL FUND.

I have the honor to submit the following report of this fund:

No. 113, Plano	\$ 10.00
No. 132, Oregon	10.00
No. 122, Armington	2.00
No. 136, Englewood	3.00
Total	\$ 25.00

Respectfully submitted,

ADA CARLTON,
Department Treasurer.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

MONMOUTH, Ill., Feb. 23, 1891.

MRS. MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN, Department Secretary:

As required by our Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to submit to you the report of Memorial Day, from W. R. C. Department of Illinois.

Number of Corps reporting.....	130
Membership reported.....	3,888
Members taking part.....	2,673
Corps attending in a body.....	105
Expense incurred.....	\$345 93
Memorials to unknown dead	109

Money in small amounts was sent to Richmond, Nashville, Quincy and Andersonville amounting to \$21,85. Flags sent to Andersonville and other southern cemeteries, 5,126 (a misprint in National Journal gives credit for only 1,650.)

In some reports the amount of money spent for flags was given instead of the number of flags. A marked feature in the reports received, is the great number of children participating in the services.

There were 6,212 reported, but that is far short of the number as in many reports whole public schools were given. Time and space forbids mention of many interesting details.

I have selected the items deemed most important. In compliance with request of Department President, I sent summary of a report to Department Chaplain G. A. R. Joiah Moore, Kewanee.

CORPS No. 1—Rockford—Membership 156. Memorial Day appropriately observed. The memorial for Unknown Dead was an evergreen arch nine feet high. Suspended in center was a large G. A. R. badge in National colors, in flowers. The inscription on arch was: "To those who lie where they fell." Twenty-four children were stationed behind the arch, singing.

CORPS No. 2—Henry—Membership 17. Memorial Sunday well observed. Memorial day, flowers were strewn by little girls. Members sent fifty flags to Macon, Ga.

CORPS No. 3—Elgin—Membership 100. Memorial Day was all that could be desired. Nothing occurring to mar or cause a shadow to fall upon the scenes. The attendance was large and many took part in the exercises. Beautiful tributes were given in honor of our noble dead, and the day will be long remembered and cherished. A newspaper account accompanying this report was very interesting.

CORPS No. 4—Dunham—Membership 55. A committee of four decorated the graves of deceased sisters. Many wagon loads of flowers were brought to the public schools by pupils, on the morning of Memorial Day, from whence they were conveyed in wagons to headquarters where the ladies arranged them into bouquets and wreaths. The services were a success. An address was given at each school by the different clergymen of the city. Two dozen flags were sent to Macon, Ga.

CORPS No. 5—Palestine—Membership 25. Memorial Sunday services were held in M. E. church. Memorial Day Post and S. of V. marched to cemetery. The Dept. W. R. C. banner draped in black was carried by a comrade. Then followed sixteen young girls dressed in white with black sashes. The girls assisted in decorating the graves. The Corps formed in two lines at the gate and scattered flowers before the veterans as they marched in. A monument ten feet high, beautifully wreathed with flowers and evergreens, was prepared for the Unknown Dead. Twenty little girls sang "Cover Them Over" as they scattered flowers on the mound. One hundred flags were sent to Macon, Ga.

CORPS No. 6—Monmouth—Membership 23. Memorial Sunday appropriately observed. A monument to Unknown Dead decorated with flowers and beautiful emblems. Forty-two children were trained to march and recite "The History of the States," each with the name of the State they spoke for, and strewed flowers as they marched round the monument. The

Veterans decorated the graves of 100 soldiers. Flowers were furnished by citizens, the children, W. C. T. U. and Corps. Forty-two flags were sent to Macon, Ga.

CORPS No. 7—Bloomington—Membership 131. Four children strewed flowers on soldiers' lot. There was a monument to the Unknown Dead. The public school children went to the cemetery to witness the exercises. In the afternoon a grand parade to Miller's Park, where exercises were held. The Corps, Post and Post Office Department, of Bloomington, sent 1,000 flags to Andersonville.

CORPS No. 8—Quincy—Membership 26. There was a memorial to Unknown Dead. Colored children were not allowed to participate in ceremonies at the Soldiers' Home. Sixty flags were sent.

CORPS No. 9—Canton—Membership 50. About 100 children took part. Memorial to Unknown Dead. Some of the Corps took part in other decorations in neighboring villages.

CORPS No. 10—Aurora—Membership 70. Memorial to Unknown Dead. Sent box of cut flowers to Soldiers' and Sailors Home, Quincy. Services were held in Spring Lake cemetery, and over 1,000 people attended.

CORPS No. 12—Peoria—Membership 110. The S. of V. decorated mound in memory of the Unknown Dead. A beautiful pillow was placed on the mound, of choicest flowers.

CORPS No. 13—Chillicothe—Membership 24. Two sisters graves were decorated. Children took part. A memorial to the Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 14—Chicago—Membership 33. (Colored.) Memorial to Unknown Dead, and those who fell at Fort Pillow, and Wagoner the Hudson, and those who starved to death at Andersonville, were appropriately remembered.

CORPS No. 15—Pontiac—Membership 90. Memorial to Unknown Dead, and those who sleep on Southern battle fields. Memorial Sunday was observed, members in a body taking part.

CORPS No. 16—Morris—Membership 68. Memorial Day was a sad, though proud one for its loyal citizens. They dedicated a \$5,000 monument to the soldiers. Governor Fifer was with them and made the address. W. R. C. gave dinner to 700 G. A. R., W. R. C. and S. of V. Sent \$4.00 to Richmond, and 100 flags to Macon, Ga.

CORPS No. 17—Springfield—Membership 86. Memorial prepared for Unknown Dead, and forty-four little girls decorated it with a pretty ceremony. Flowers were sent to Quincy and Andersonville.

CORPS No. 18—Sycamore—Membership 36. Services on Memorial Day were, as usual, conducted in a highly commendable manner. Fine speeches and an immense gathering testifying to the esteem in which the day is held.

CORPS No. 19—Galva—Membership 25. A monument dedicated to the Unknown Dead was decorated by Corps with wreaths and flowers. Forty-two soldiers' graves were decorated with flags and flowers by G. A. R., S. of V. and W. R. C. unitedly.

CORPS No. 20—Litchfield—Membership 20. Some of the members took part in Memorial Day services. Flowers were contributed for decoration.

CORPS No. 21—Farmers City—Membership 33. Corps attended memorial services in a body. The monument for Unknown Dead was handsomely decorated. G. A. R. and S. of V. with forty-two boys marched to the cemetery and decorated mound; girls decorated graves. Fifty flags were sent to Macon, Ga.

CORPS No. 22—Nunda—Membership 30. Decorating done by Post and Corps. Services were very interesting. Attended by a large audience. Sent twenty-five flags to Macon, Ga., and fifty cents to Richmond.

CORPS No. 24—Gibson City—Membership 74. Members of Corps took part in Memorial Day services, which were thought to be better observed than any previous year. Sent 100 flags to Macon, Ga., and \$1 to Richmond.

CORPS No. 25—Olney—Membership 37. Members took part in Memorial Day services and prepared memorial for Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 26—Lacon—Membership 39. Twenty members took part in memorial services. A monument was prepared for Unknown Dead. Post and Corps decorated the graves. One hundred flags sent to Richmond.

CORPS No. 27—Keithsburg—Membership 18. Post and Corps attended Sunday services which were very impressive. Public school took part. Memorial to Unknown dead. Thirty-nine comrades graves were decorated. Public interest much increased.

CORPS No. 28—Moline—Membership 79. Forty members in a body took part in Memorial Day services. Sixty children took part. A memorial was prepared for Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 30—Roseville—Membership 27. Flowers were all contributed. A memorial was prepared to the Unknown Dead. Owing to the prevalence of measles children could not take part. Sixty flags were sent to decorate at Andersonville.

CORPS No. 31—Magnolia—Membership 26. Twenty-one members took part as a body in Memorial Day services. The graves were decorated by old soldiers. They then marched to the church where they were addressed by able speakers. Sent 100 flags to Macon, Ga.

CORPS No. 32—Augusta—Membership 25. Twenty-one members took part in Memorial Day exercise. Flowers contributed. There was a very large attendance. Public schools taking part in the exercises. Memorial to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 32—Pecatonica—Membership 47. The whole Corps was committee on preparing mound for Unknown Dead and decorating graves of deceased sisters and attended services in a body. Flowers contributed by school children. Expense incurred \$1. Interesting services. One hundred flags sent to Macon, Ga.

CORPS No. 34—Maconb—Membership 42. Twenty-eight members attended memorial services in a body. May 25th

services were held in Opera House. Beautiful memorial prepared for Unknown Dead. May 30th, eighty-five children dressed in red, white and blue, in attendance marched to the grove where services were held. Expenses \$7.35.

CORPS No. 35—Delavan—Membership 52. Forty-five attended memorial service in a body. Public school took part. Flowers were contributed. Post and Corps decorated soldiers' graves, also members of W. R. C. graves. Sent 100 flags to Andersonville.

CORPS No. 36—Gardner—Membership 36. Fourteen members in a body took part. Flowers contributed. The Corps on Decoration Day attended the dedication of the Soldiers' monument at Morris.

CORPS No. 37—Sumner—Membership 25. Twenty members attended Memorial Day services in a body. Forty children took part. Flowers contributed. Memorial to unknown dead. Sent one hundred flags to Macon, Ga.

CORPS No. 38—Wauconda—Membership 36. Thirty members in a body took part in Memorial Day services. Ninety children took part; \$15.65 were expended. Refreshments were provided for Post. Flowers contributed. Post and Corps united in decorating at Polo, also.

CORPS No. 39—Shawneetown—Membership 17. Children took part. Flowers were contributed. A Memorial was prepared for the unknown dead.

CORPS No. 40—Elmwood—Membership 16. All members attended Memorial services in a body. Seventy-five children took part. A monument was built for the unknown dead and beautifully decorated with flowers.

CORPS No. 41—Albany—Membership 25. Sixteen children took part. Flowers were contributed and a Memorial prepared for the unknown dead.

CORPS No. 42—Harrisburg—Membership 32. Twenty-one attended Memorial Day service in a body; \$1.05 was expended. Flowers were contributed and a Memorial was prepared for the unknown dead; \$1.00 sent to Richmond and \$1.00 to Macon, Ga. The different Societies took part in decorating.

CORPS No. 43—Leroy—Membership 28. All members took part in Memorial Day services in a body; \$1.50 expended for vase over the unknown dead. The Post and Corps repaired to the cemetery at 9 a. m. to decorate the graves. The weather being beautiful the delegation was larger than ever before. The decorations were beautiful. At 1 p. m. all gathered at the park, where we had speaking and a presentation to the Public School of a flag by the Post and Corps.

CORPS No. 44—Freeport—Membership 28. Twenty-five members, as a body, attended Memorial Day services. Forty little girls took part dressed in white, decorating the graves at 10 a. m. At 1:30 p. m. Gen. Lerman, of Chicago, delivered an address at the Opera House, after which Company C, of the militia, formed in line, then the drum corps, then the G. A. R. and W. R. C., and marched to the cemetery. A large anchor and a beautiful pillow were placed on the grave of the unknown dead, together with wreaths and bouquets.

CORPS No. 45—Sterling—Membership 57. Thirty-five members took part in Memorial Day services in a body; \$10.95 expense incurred. Post provided with refreshments. Flowers contributed. The Memorial for the unknown dead consisted of a design of "Gates Ajar," arch 6x4½ feet, trimmed with evergreens, and the gates with flowers. An oration by Miss Lizzie Wood, and twenty little girls marched in line, passed the gates, each one placing a bouquet at the foot of the gates. Decorated ninety-six graves.

CORPS No. 47—Quincy—Membership 90. Corps as a body attended Memorial Day service. Two hundred and fifty children took part at the Soldiers' Home. Daughters and Sons of Veterans distributed crosses, evergreens, and flags. A large cross, ten feet high, made of evergreens and flags, with name of "Logan" in flowers across the arms, was set up in the ground. Also decorated the statue of Gen. Wood with wreaths. Twelve dozen flags sent to Macon, Ga.

CORPS No. 49—Hamilton—Membership 45. Thirty-five attended Memorial Day services. Flowers contributed. Memorial prepared for the unknown dead.

CORPS No. 50—Oquawka—Membership 42. Twenty-seven members, as a body, attended Memorial Day services. Forty-two children took part; \$3.00 expense incurred. Flowers contributed. Arch and monument for the unknown dead. Memorial pillow with letters F. C. and L. of Pansies. Two Sisters graves decorated. Sons of Veterans decorate forty-two graves. Sent 100 flags to Macon, Ga.

CORPS No. 52—Marengo—Membership 30. Seventeen members, as a body, attended Memorial Day services; \$2.23 for flags. Flowers contributed. Memorial for unknown dead prepared. Twenty-three baskets and bouquets, with cards attached, containing name and letter of Company and number of Regiment and where buried, for soldiers who went from here and were left at the South.

CORPS No. 53—Bellair—Membership 13. All, as a body, took part in Memorial services. Twenty-five children took part. A Memorial to unknown dead. Large attendance, good speaking and good music by G. A. R. Band.

CORPS No. 54—Arcola—Membership 20. The majority of members attended Memorial Day service. Fifty children took part; \$3.25 expended. Flowers contributed. Memorial to unknown dead. Corps did all they could to make the day memorable by assisting the Comrades with tributes of flowers. Also sent 100 flags to Macon, Ga.

CORPS No. 55—Sparta—Membership 30. About one hundred children took part. Flowers were contributed and a Memorial prepared for the unknown dead. Had speaking, singing and music, with an attendance of about 4,000 people.

CORPS No. 57—Saybrook—Membership 44. Thirty members, as a body, took part in Memorial Day services. Flowers contributed and a Memorial prepared for the unknown dead.

CORPS No. 58—Springfield—Membership 19. Flowers were contributed. A Memorial was prepared for the unknown dead.

CORPS No. 59—Earlsville—Membership 19. Seventeen members took part in Memorial Day services as a body. Twelve

children took part at Earlville. Twenty girls strewed flowers on the graves. There were fifty soldiers' graves in all, and one Sister's grave at Pawpaw. They also supplied bouquets for Sons of Veterans' graves. Sent fifty flags to Macon, Ga., and fifty to Richmond, Va. Citizens and school children helped in the work; \$5.00 expended.

CORPS No. 60—LaHarpe—Membership 42. Sixty-five children took part. Flowers contributed. The monument to the unknown dead was twelve feet high, mounted and trimmed with flags, flowers and evergreens. A large crowd and good singing. Everything went off pleasantly. Five dozen flags were sent to Macon, Ga.

CORPS—No. 62—Washington—Membership 45. Twenty-seven attended Memorial services in a body. Thirty children took part. The principal feature of the day was the decoration of a Mound and Cross to the unknown dead with wreaths and flowers by the Woman's Relief Corps. Twenty-four flags were sent to Richmond and twenty-four to Andersonville.

CORPS No. 63—Robinson—Membership 21. Fourteen attended Memorial service in a body. About 300 children took part. Flowers were contributed. A Memorial was prepared to the unknown dead. Interesting exercises at the cemetery; soldiers and children decorated graves.

CORPS No. 64—Monticello—Membership 54. Thirty took part in Memorial Day services as a body. Eighty children took part. Flowers contributed. A floral sword to army nurses, a cross for our deceased members, and a monument to the unknown dead. Sent seventy-five flags to Richmond, seventy-five to Nashville and seventy-five to Andersonville.

CORPS No. 65—Camp Point—Membership 44. Thirty-six members took part in a body in Memorial services. Thirty-three children took part. Flowers contributed. A grave draped with flags and covered with flowers for the unknown dead. Two hundred and eighty-eight flags sent to Macon, Ga.

CORPS No. 66—Rock Island—Membership 30. Fifteen in a body took part in Memorial Day services; 100 children took

part: \$5.25 expended for flowers. Memorial for unknown dead. They not only decorated the cemetery monument at Rock Island but assisted by Moline and Davenport, decorated the graves of about 400 Union soldiers in the National Cemetery on the Island. Two hundred flags were sent to Macon, Ga.

CORPS No. 67—Metropolis—Membership 44. (Colored) Memorial Day services were attended by twenty-five in a body. Flowers contributed. Memorial to unknown dead prepared.

CORPS No. 68—Bushuel—Membership 26. Half the Corps took part in Memorial Day service. Eighty children took part. Flowers contributed. An eloquent address delivered at the monument of the unknown dead by Past President, Mrs. Ida Duntly. Corps presented the Public School with a flag. Fifty flags were sent to Macon, Ga.

CORPS No. 69—Homer—Membership 30. Twenty-three children took part: \$8.00 expended and \$1.00 for flags for Macon, Ga. Memorial services were attended by members in a body. Memorial prepared for unknown dead. Sixty wreaths of flowers were made by Corps. Recitations by little girls. Address by Hon. Calhoun.

CORPS No. 70—Carthage—Membership 43. Twenty-six attended Memorial Day service in a body. Twelve children took part. Flowers contributed. The names of deceased soldiers were read, followed by a song, "Sleep, Comrades, Sleep." Hon. O. F. Berry, orator.

CORPS No. 71—Chebanse—Membership 50. Thirty attended services Memorial Day in a body: \$12.50 expended. Flowers contributed. Two gross of flags were sent to Macon, Ga.

CORPS No. 73—Brighton Park—Membership 35. Twenty-two members in attendance at services in a body Memorial Day: \$8.00 expended. Flowers contributed by schools. Corps provided carriages for the invalid and crippled soldiers belonging to the Post. Sent flags to the South for decorating graves, (did not say how many.) Tribute to unknown dead.

CORPS No. 76—Danville—Membership 46. Twenty-five attended Memorial Day service. Twenty children took part; \$5.00 expended. Flowers contributed; \$2.00 to Richmond, Va., fifty flags to Macon, Ga. Twenty children reciting, laid down a flower at the base of monument of unknown dead. Flowers in profusion for everything.

CORPS No. 77—Coultersville—Membership 23. Eight ladies attended Memorial Day services; fifteen children took part. Flowers contributed. Memorial to unknown dead.

CORPS No. 78—Beardstown—Membership 36. Twenty-eight members in a body took part in Memorial Day services. About 250 children took part. Flowers contributed; memorial to unknown dead. Three dozen flags sent to Macon, Ga. In the evening a very interesting program was given by citizens, G. A. R. and W. R. C.

CORPS No. 80—DeKalb—Membership 28. Twenty-six attended Memorial Day service. Public Schools took part. Expenses incurred, \$3.00. Flowers contributed, and memorial to unknown dead prepared. The citizens taking the lead in every way in memorial services, were aided by Post and Corps.

CORPS No. 81---Chicago---Membership 57. Thirty in a body took part in Memorial Day service. Flowers contributed and purchased; \$10.00 expended. Memorial to unknown dead. After the general exercises of G. A. R., the members of Post and Corps repaired to the graves of deceased members of Post and Corps on Sunday, June 1st, which will never be forgotten by those present.

CORPS No. 83---Genoa---Membership 30. Twenty members in a body took part in Memorial Day services. Eighty children also took part; \$6.00 expenses incurred. Flowers contributed. Memorial to unknown dead.

CORPS No. 84---Fuiton---Membership 30. Members took part in Memorial Day service in a body; forty-four children took part; expense incurred \$14.50. Flowers contributed; memorial to unknown dead prepared; five dozen flags sent to Macon, Ga.; \$1.00 to Phil Kearney Post.

CORPS No. 85---Barrington---Membership 40. Thirty members in a body took part in Memorial Day services. Thirty-six children took part in the exercises. Memorial to the unknown dead. No remarks.

CORPS No. 86---Bone Gap---Membership 16. Twelve taking part in a body in Memorial Day services, fifty-six children also taking part. Flowers contributed. Memorial to the unknown dead. Each grave had a cross and wreath.

CORPS No. 87---Paris---Membership No. 27. All the children of the Public School took part. Flowers contributed.

CORPS No. 88---Cairo---Membership 60. Eighteen of the members taking part in a body. Expense incurred \$18.00. Flowers contributed. Memorial to unknown dead; 2,264 graves were each decorated with a small flag. Hon. O. A. Harken and Rev. J. Phillips made addresses. Three thousand people present.

CORPS No. 89---Springfield---Membership 29. Six ladies took part in Memorial Day services. Fifty children took part. Flowers contributed; memorial to unknown dead. One hundred and fifty flags were sent to Macon, Ga.; \$1.00 to Richmond and \$1.00 to Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Quincy, Ill.

CORPS No. 90---New Canton---Membership 30. Twenty-five in a body took part in memorial services; twenty children taking part. Eleven dollars expenses incurred. Flowers contributed. Memorial to Unknown Dead. Corps and Post attended services near Rock Port, Ill.

CORPS No. 91---Barry---Membership 46. Members attended Memorial Day services in a body. Sixty children took part. Flowers were contributed. A memorial preparad to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 92---Chicago---Membership 65. Thirty members taking part in Memorial Day services. More flowers contributed than ever before. Everything was fine. A memorial prepared for the Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 93---Centrallia- Membership 48. Thirty members taking part in Memorial Day services; thirty chil-

dren also. Five dollars expense incurred. Flowers contributed. Memorial prepared for the Unknown Dead. Two gross flags sent to Macon, Ga.

CORPS No. 94—Marseilles—Membership 34. Twenty-six members taking part in Memorial Day services. Two dollars and five cents expense incurred. Flowers contributed. The mound to the memory of the Unknown Dead was profusely decorated with flags by a committee of ladies. A brief but eloquent address was given by the orator of the day, Comrade Brooks, of Farragut Post, Chicago.

CORPS No. 96—DuQuoin—Membership 24. Thirty-two children taking part. Flowers contributed. Memorial prepared to Unknown Dead. In the evening had an entertainment of songs, addresses and recitations.

CORPS No. 97—Prophetstown—Membership 43. Corps as a body attended memorial services at Walnut. Whole school took part. Flowers were contributed. No remarks.

CORPS No. 99—Kewanee—Membership 30. About two-thirds of them taking part in a body in Memorial Day services. Flowers contributed. Six dozen flags sent to Macon, Ga., for decorating the graves of the Unknown Dead. A handsome memorial book was presented to the Post wherein to record the names and deaths of the Kewanee soldiers. The President decorated the grave of those who had been members of the Corps.

CORPS No. 100—Clayton—Membership 52. Forty of them taking part in Memorial Day services. Entire Corps served on Decorating committee. Forty-three children took part in the evening in memorial of flowers. Flowers contributed.

CORPS No. 103—Hillsboro—Membership 42. All in a body took part in Memorial Day services. Five small girls took part in music. Flowers contributed. Memorial to Unknown Dead. Sent one gross of flags to Macon, Ga.

CORPS No. 104—Polo—Membership 30. Twenty-five in a body took part in Memorial Day service. Thirty chil-

dren took part in chorus. Three dollars and twenty-five cents expense incurred. Flowers contributed. Fifty-four soldiers' graves decorated. The services at cemetery were impressive. Six and one-half dozen flags sent to Macon Ga.

Corps No. 106—Milledgeville—Membership 25. Fourteen in a body took part in Memorial Day services. Eighty-seven children participating. Flowers contributed. Memorial to Unknown Dead. No remarks.

Corps No. 107—Onarga—Membership 30. Eighteen took part in a body on Memorial Day exercises. One hundred children participating. Flowers contributed. One hundred and forty-four flags sent to Andersonville.

Corps No. 108---Chicago---Membership 76. Fifty-five took part in a body in Memorial Day exercises. \$6 expense incurred. Flowers contributed to Abraham Lincoln Corps. Memorial prepared for the Unknown Dead. Spent \$1.45 for flags to be sent to Macon, Ga.

Corps No. 109---Jacksonville---Membership 27. Twenty three took part in Memorial Day exercises in a body. Twenty-children took part. Flowers contributed. Memorial prepared for Unknown Dead. More people attended than on any previous occasion. All took special interest in the sad ceremonies.

Corps No. 110---Taylorville---Membership 39. Thirty took part in a body in Memorial Day services. Fifty children participated. Flowers contributed. A mound to the Unknown Dead. Sent 100 flags to Macon, Ga.

Corps No. 111---Rossville---Membership 24. Sixteen taking part in a body in Memorial Day services. About 150 children. Flowers contributed. Decorated grave of one deceased member.

Corps No. 113--Plano--Membership 32. Twenty-six attended services in a body. Four young girls sang. Expense incurred \$5.77. Flowers contributed. Memorial to Unknown Dead. Sent one gross flags to Macon, Ga. G. A. R. and W. R. C. presented high school with flag 6½ by 12 feet.

CORPS No 114—Flora—Membership 21. Eleven attended services in a body, forty-two children taking part. Expense incurred \$2.33. Flowers were contributed. Memorial to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 116—Streator—Membership 63. Corps attended service in a body. One thousand children marched. Flowers were both contributed and purchased. Amount expended \$23.00. There were four delegations sent out to decorate graves in adjoining cemeteries. One hundred flags sent to Macon, Ga.

CORPS No. 118—Lincoln—Membership 30. Nearly all attended Memorial services. The Memorial to the Unknown Dead was prepared from floral offerings sent in by those who have friends buried in the South. They were very touching, as many of them bore tender inscriptions. Sent \$1.00 to Richmond and 100 flags to Andersonville.

CORPS No. 110—Kankakee—Membership 39. Thirty members attended Memorial services in a body. All members on Decorating Committee. One hundred children took part. Citizens provided refreshments for Post. Flowers contributed. Memorial prepared for Unknown Dead. One gross flags sent to Andersonville.

CORPS No. 120—Albion—Membership 38. Twenty members in a body attended Memorial services. One hundred children took part. Flowers contributed. A wreath, cross, and a large mound were prepared for the Unknown Dead, and a large pillow of flowers for Army Nurses. Nine dozen flags sent to Macon, Ga.

CORPS No. 121—Galesburg—Membership 39. Twenty-two attended Memorial service in a body. About 400 children took part. Expenses incurred \$3.50. A Cross was decorated for Unknown Dead. Corps planted two trees on soldiers' lot in cemetery. A large attendance and increased interest manifested.

CORPS No. 122—Armington—Membership 63. Thirty attended in a body. Twenty children took part. Flowers contributed. Prepared Memorial to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 123—Kirkland—Membership 20. From this Corps received only a postal card with regrets that their report was not sent.

CORPS No. 125—Paxton—Membership 41. Twenty-five in a body attended services. One hundred children took part. Flowers contributed. The Unknown Dead remembered. Sent 190 flags to Macon, Ga., and 100 to Richmond.

CORPS No 126—Buda—Membership 37. Thirty-three took part in Memorial services. Thirty-four children took part. Twenty-nine girls carrying wreaths marched to the cemetery and assisted by Post decorated twenty-nine graves at Wranet in the morning. In afternoon at Buda, thirty-four girls carrying wreaths and bouquets, marched with Post to cemetery. Eleven girls decorated monument to Unknown Dead. Twenty-three members of Post decorated the graves of twenty-three soldiers. Fifty flags sent to Macon, Ga.

CORPS No. 127—Eureka—Membership 33. Twenty-five took part in Memorial services, thirty-five children participating. Flowers contributed. Memorial to Unknown Dead. Six dozen flags were sent to Macon, Ga.

CORPS No. 128—Tonica—Membership 30. Twenty-three attended Memorial services in a body. Twenty children took part. Flowers contributed. Post, Corps and Sons of Veterans united and visited three cemeteries, decorating forty-three graves. Corps presented Comrades and Sons of Veterans with button hole bouquets.

COORPS No.129—Pawnee—Membership 13. Eight attended services. Expenses incurred \$2.00. Sent fourteen dozen flags to Andersoville. Unknown Dead remembered. Committee visited four cemeteries in the country and decorated graves.

CORPS No. 130—Tampico—Membership 25. The Post of this place was invited by the Walnut Post to take part in Memorial services at that place, consequently no services here.

CORPS No. 131—Atlanta—Membership 36. Seventeen took part in a body in Memorial services. Expense incurred \$10.00. Flowers contributed. Memorial to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 132—Oregon—Membership 27. Twenty-five attended Memorial services in a body. One hundred and fifty children participated. Flowers contributed. Memorial to Unknown Dead. One gross of flags sent to Andersonville.

CORPS No. 133—Harvard—Membership 34. Sixteen took part in Memorial services. All the members on the Decorating committee. Entire school took part. Flowers contributed. Memorial prepared for Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 134—Bradford—Membership 40. All took part in services in a body. Forty boys participated; \$9.85 was the expense incurred. Flowers were both bought and contributed; \$3.00 were expended. Monument to Unknown Dead, decorated by forty boys. Twelve dozen flags were sent to Macon, Ga. Cost \$3.40.

CORPS No. 135—Minier—Membership 25. Nine took part in services; sixty children took part. Expense incurred \$5.00. Flowers contributed. Unknown Dead remembered. Sent one gross of flags to Macon, Ga.

CORPS No. 136—Englewood—Membership 44. Twenty-six attended Memorial service. All schools took part and contributed the flowers. Corps attended exercises at Oakwood cemetery Memorial Day, and presented Post with a beautiful set of guidons. Citizens showed much interest. Col. Parker delivered the address.

CORPS No. 137—Ellerey—Membership 13. Eight attended Memorial services in a body. Thirteen children participated. Flowers contributed.

CORPS No. 139—Port Byron—Membership 23. Sixteen attended Memorial services in a body. Twenty-five children took part. Refreshments were provided for Post. Flowers contributed. An arch was erected to Unknown Dead. Decoration here in the morning. In the afternoon Post, Corps and Sons of Veterans crossed the river and attended service at Le Clair, Iowa.

CORPS No. 140—Joliet—Membership 33. All attended service in a body. Twenty children took part; \$14.00 expense in-

curred. Flowers contributed and purchased : \$5.75 expended. Memorial to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 141—Chicago—Membership —. Twenty-six attended Memorial services. Expense incurred \$18.22. Refreshments were provided Post and Sons of Veterans. Presented at the grave of Col. James Mulligan a Maltese Cross of white carnations. Also sent a delegation to Rose Hill with a wreath for Unknown Dead. Sent 500 flags to Macon, Ga.

CORPS No. 142—Perne—Membership 36. Twenty-eight in a body took part in Memorial Day services. All members on committee. Children of the Public Schools took part; \$6.00 expense incurred. Flowers contributed. For Unknown Dead short services, salute guns and flowers. One hundred and twenty flags sent to Andersonville.

CORPS No. 143—Blue Island—Membership 47. Forty attended Memorial services in a body. Fifty children; seventy-five cents expense incurred. Flowers contributed. Memorial to Unknown Dead. Two Army Nurses were presented with plants. The citizens, with the Post and Corps, assembled in the Rink. After appropriate singing the Corps presented the Post with a beautiful silk flag, which was received with applause. Col. Munn then addressed the large audience.

CORPS No. 144—Dwight—Membership 23. Twenty attended Memorial services in a body. Six children assisted. Flowers contributed. Memorial to Unknown Dead. Services were interesting, attended by Post, Corps and Sons of Veterans; \$1.00 sent to Andersonville.

CORPS No. 145—Effingham—Membership 33. Members in a body attended Memorial services. Expense incurred \$2.00. Flowers contributed. Owing to the absence of Corps President they did not take an active part in the services.

CORPS No. 147—Lewiston—Membership 14. All took part in Memorial services in a body. Eighty children took part; \$1.50 expense incurred. Flowers contributed. The W. C. T. U. were invited to take part. They assisted very much in every way. A motto in the street and one over the stand; also a Cross with motto, to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 148—Mound City—Membership 23. Fifteen in a body took part in Memorial Day services. Fifteen ladies on Decoration committee.

CORPS No. 149—Jacksonville—Membership 23. All attended Memorial service in a body; five children took part. Expense incurred \$2.80. Refreshments were provided for Post. Flowers contributed. A Memorial to Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 150—Chicago—Membership 32. Assembled at Post Hall in the morning. Each Comrade present was presented with a button hole bouquet. Post proceeded to Oakwood cemetery in connection with Corps 14 and 108. Presented a mammoth "Gates Ajar" standing on three steps, and at the base the number of the three Corps contributing, to be used for decorating the Soldiers' Plat in the cemetery. After services Post and Corps decorated the graves of Comrades buried outside the plat.

CORPS No. 151—Alton—Membership 14. Ten members attend Memorial services in a body; fifty school children and forty students. Expense incurred \$3.15. Flowers contributed. Memorial to Unknown Dead was prepared. Post 441 marched and decorated the graves in Upper Alton in the morning, and those in the Alton cemetery in the afternoon. Address by Capt. Fred Lewis, and unveiling of monument by four young ladies of the Corps.

CORPS No. 152—Virden—Membership 23. Twenty-two in a body attended service. The entire Corps was on Decorating committee; thirty children took part. Flowers were contributed. Unknown Dead were remembered.

CORPS No. 153—Carlyle—Membership 20. Fourteen took part in a body in Memorial service. Sixty children, each carrying a small flag, laid a wreath on each grave. Memorial prepared for the Unknown Dead.

CORPS No. 154—Minonk—Membership 15. Fourteen in a body took part in Memorial services. Fifty children took part. Flowers contributed.

CORPS No. 155—Clinton—Membership —. Post, Corps and Sons of Veterans marched to Woodlawn cemetery. Erected a monument to Unknown Dead, using Mrs. Sherwood's Poem, recited by forty-three girls. Each one reciting hung a wreath on the monument. Listened to a speech by Gen. Posey. Music by Cornet Band. Every one seemed pleased. Each year there seems to be an increased interest in the observance of the day, which is right. (This report was given without a blank.)

CORPS No. 156—Washburn—Membership 20. Sixteen in a body attended Memorial Day services. Twenty-nine children participated. Flowers contributed. Memorial prepared for Unknown Dead.

In closing this report I wish to thank Department President and Department Secretary for all kindness and sympathy shown, and thanks to many Corps Presidents, Chaplains and others for interesting descriptions and cheerful words accompanying reports. May my successor enjoy her work as much in 1891. Respectfully submitted.

ANNA MORGAN, Department Chaplain.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

OLNEY, Ill., Feb. 1, 1891.

MRS. DELILAH LEAVERTON, Department President W. R. C.,
Palestine, Ill.

DEAR MADAM: In compliance with Rules and Regulations, I herewith submit my written report of Inspection, of the Department of Illinois W. R. C. for the year beginning October, 1889, ending October, 1890.

My consolidated report to National Inspector, I forwarded for your approval as soon after the close of the year's work as possible.

No one that attended the Seventh Annual Convention, was, perhaps more surprised than myself, when you so unexpectedly appointed me to the honored position of Department Inspector. For a time, it seemed I dare not accept, as I entertained fear that I might be unable to reach the high standard to which former Inspectors had brought the work, but after deliberation consented, not as a personal compliment but through my efforts the southern part of our Department, better known as Egypt, and in which I am personal interested, would be recognized.

I at once began to prepare for the trust, by close study to Rules and Regulations, also, Beath's Blue Book in order to be prepared for complications if any arose. Railroad maps were studied, every Corps in the Department marked, so at the sound of the name I might be able to immediately locate thus evading confusion when I came to assign to Assistant Inspectors their routes.

As the Seventh Annual Convention had made no provision for a school of instruction, and knowing it would be impossible to call assistants together (hence recommendation No. 1) I endeavored to appoint as Assistant Inspectors, (as so

much depended on those chosen) only those whom I knew were thoroughly posted in all the details of our work, and would be able to exercise wise judgment in instructing or correcting as the case might be.

I was very much disappointed when you were obliged to decline on account of your duties as Department President. From the longlist submitted twelve were chosen, who, together with myself, were thought sufficient. Accordingly General Order No. 4 was issued in July confirming the nomination. This request was also contained in the Order: "Those who could not accept, please notify Department Inspector at once," so that when the time to do the work arrived there would be no vacancies to fill.

On consulting the Roster 146 Corps were found to be inspected; the Department was divided into thirteen districts. These were so arranged that Inspector could go over this district without coming in contact with other Inspectors as far as possible, thus saving the Department all expense possible. And I sincerely believe had I been able to carry out the work of Inspection as first arranged the expense would have been less; and in justice to myself, with your permission, I would like to mention in this report to Department Convention why the Inspectors who were assigned in General Order No. 7 could not carry out the work as arranged.

Just before General Order No. 7, dated September 25th, was sent to Department Headquarters for publication the resignation of Mrs. McKinstry, of Delavan, was received. I then re-arranged and provided for this route. After General Order No. 7 had been sent to the Corps throughout the Department, Mrs. Follensbee, of Quincy, and Mrs. Minnimyer, of Peoria, were obliged on account of sickness to resign. I immediately conferred with you, who had ever by your loving kindness advised so willingly, and this instance it was decided as it was so late to appoint other assistants that with the consent of those appointed, we enlarged their list of Corps, and if necessary supply others. Several were able to do all asked of them, others on account of sickness of self or

family, were obliged to return home, leaving the work unfinished. But, thanks to the noble woman who so kindly consented to aid the Department, though called upon late, I was enabled to close up the year's work with every Corps in the Department visited and all but seven fully inspected.

Rules and Regulations provide that "there shall be a thorough inspection of each Corps every year during the months of October and and November." The inspection this year was about one month late. The delay you are aware was caused by failure to receive blank form E for assistant inspectors' use. Had the blanks been received in time, in all probability, additional aid would not have been called for. Of the 146 Corps to be inspected 138 Corps were inspected, and the returns are replete with good work being done, or wherein the diversified needs are set forth showing careful, honest work on the part of inspector. In many returns we find the inspection has also been a school of instruction, we are pleased to note this. A number of letters have been received from different parts of the Department, telling of the good work done by the Inspector, particularly in new Corps, wherein we find "encouraged, will go forward. Had almost concluded to surrender Charter, but will have better returns next year." In some places reports of Secretary and Treasurer were made out for the third quarter, books opened and seemingly all instructions possible given, which I trust will result in good to the Department.

Seven Corps reported impossible to get a quorum, books examined and many commendable things found, but owing largely to indifference on part of officers and members, the work could not be exemplified, consequently was lost for the year.

Two Corps were almost dead, and did not want the inspector to visit them, as they had held no inspection since the last inspection; hence, Recommendation No. 2. We find fifty Corps graded excellent. This is truly encouraging, yet we find several, were it possible, should be graded one degree higher, as the Ritual is entirely memorized, all records perfectly kept and work beautifully exemplified, to say nothing of the large

amount of relief work being done. Of the sixty-two graded good, I think another year will find them on the excellent grade.

Those graded fair and poor, the low grading is invariably attributed to lack of proper instructions at the time the Corps were instituted. As the time was limited to one meeting with the I. & I. Officer and in the confusion of election of officers and other business all could not be retained, here the Inspectors have been able to do much good.

We were received kindly and entertained royally by the Corps and in many places comrades called to pay their respects, and invited us to attend an open meeting whereby they might learn more of the work of the W. R. C., their loved auxiliary, were doing in the Department of Illinois. But as our time was all provided for we were obliged to decline with: thanks the hearty grasp of the hand while tears glistened in the eye, and the God bless you in your labors of love, and for what the W. R. C. has done, and is doing for the old comrades and their loved ones, told as much as volumes could have done, in what reverence the W. R. C. is held by the comrades of the G. A. R.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

No. 1. That this Eighth Annual Convention make provision for a school of instruction, whereby the Department Inspector can call the Assistant Inspectors at some convenient place, so that the work of inspection hereafter may be uniform.

No. 2. That all Corps wishing to surrender Charter be obliged to do so prior to inspection, thereby saving expense to the Department and time of Inspector.

SUMMARY STATEMENT.

Number of Corps in Department.....	146
Number of Corps fully inspected.....	138
Number of Corps partly inspected—no quorum.....	7
Number of Corps surrendered after General Order No. 7.....	1 145
Number of Corps in Department graded excellent.....	50
Number of Corps in Department graded good.....	62
Number of Corps in Department graded fair.....	20
Number of Corps in Department graded poor.....	13 145

Number of Corps inspected with statistics.....	140
Number of members in good Standing September 30, 1890.....	5,321
Average attendance of officers.....	7.20
Average attendance of members including officers	16.08

Amount of money in Relief Fund Sept. 30, 1890 ...	\$3,793.07
Amount of money expended for relief from October 1889 to October 1890.....	3,540.43
Amount expended other than money.....	2,573.64

Mrs. President, in submitting this my final report of the Department of Illinois, I desire to tender to you my heartfelt thanks for the confidence reposed in me, and if at any time during the year you have regretted making such an appointment, you have kindly kept such knowledge from me; but to the contrary you have been such a wise counselor and in such a lovely manner have responded whenever appealed to, that I shall carry with me, as long as life last, the memory of your loving kindness.

To all the dear women who aided the Department in the work of Inspection, I heartily thank you for the efficient work of the W. R. C. The Department owes you a debt of gratitude, for without your aid I could have done nothing. Many of you left your homes at a great sacrifice, but your love of the work prompted you to go. The many letters received from you bearing upon the work will be cherished as the years roll by.

And now, Mrs. President, as the year is closing, and I will soon turn over to my successor all Department property in my possession, I should like to add that I have ever tried to do the very best I could as Department Inspector. I have not a doubt there are hundreds of others in the Department that could have accomplished the work in a better manner than myself, yet, with all the responsibilities, it has been a blessed year to me; I have been enabled to know and feel all that a membership in the W. R. C. implies. If other hands grow listless, let it never be said that members of the W. R. C. ever grow weary of ministering "to those left for us to cherish and protect." Our efforts alone in this direction answers the following question emphatically in the negative:

"From the warm shores of the Gulf
And from Vicksburg's rugged steep,
From the sides of lofty Lookout
Where so many comrades sleep;
From Gettysburg to Maryland,
Where some noble forms remain,
Comes sounds of spirit voices
Asking, did we die in vain?"

These have answered the heavenly roll call, and are at rest from their weary marches, while comrades of the G. A. R. and members of the W. R. C. guard and protect the dear ones left—precious legacy. May we ever be faithful to the sacred trust.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

MARY E. McCAULEY,
Department Inspector W. R. C.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR.

AURORA Ill., March 12, 1891.

MRS. MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN, Department Secretary, W. R. C., Palestine, Ill.

As required by Rules and Regulations, I herewith submit my report as Department Counselor and it affords me pleasure to report this Department working in such harmony that our Department President has been able to adjust matters of dispute that my counsel has been rarely called for, showing that our Seventh Convention made no mistake in the election of its officers. I have been in constant communication with our Department President which has been of such a nature, that it will always be remembered by me as an office of honor more than labor. In my opinion the harmony that is now prevailing in this Department can be attributed largely to the fact that our ladies are giving more attention to our Rules and Regulations and the Blue Book, and abide by the rulings of the same, instead of trying to be governed by the rulings of other societies. We are no longer an experiment but an Order that stands second to none in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, and let not a member of this Order cease in her efforts to inculcate lessons of Patriotism and Loyalty in every heart in our noble country. Let us put our best efforts forward that no soldier or his family may be compelled to see any other flag held to the breeze but the time honored stars and stripes, which cost so many lives that it might wave supreme.

The report of the I. & I. Officer will show that I have been called upon to institute two Corps, Seth C. Earl Corps, No. 166, Ottawa; Yorkville Corps, No. 164, Yorkville. I can not close my report without asking each and every Corps in the Department to remember and continue those acts of kindness, remembering that grand institution, the Soldiers' Home at Quincy, also the Orphans' Home at Normal, where none are

admitted but those whose parents were loyal to this country in the dark days of the Rebellion.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

CLARA W. HARRAL,
Department Counselor.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT I. & I. OFFICER,

CHICAGO, Ill., March 31, 1891.

Mrs. DELILAH A. LEAVERTON, Department Paesident.

DEAR MADAM:—In obedience to Rules and Regulations it now becomes my pleasant duty to submit to you and through you to the members of the Eighth Department Convention of Illinois, Woman's Relief Corps, my report of work performed by this office since last Convention.

Number of Corps as per last report 151. New Corps instituted during the official year up to date 24.

Interest in our grand, noble work is steadily increasing day by day, and I think the time not far distant when our Corps will number very nearly as many as the Post of the G. A. R. My correspondence with different Post Commanders elicited most favorable answers. I find that in some towns where no Corps exists, a Ladies Aid connected with the S. of V. has been organized, which is held in high esteem for the helping hand extended to the needy veteran and his family.

Of the 166 Corps from which election returns were due, I have received 107, the remaining thirty-nine Corps still delinquent. Of those received, twenty-seven reported public installation: thirty-two jointly with the Post, and eight with Post and S. of V.; remainder either private or no report.

In this connection I would impress upon our Asistant I. & I. Officers, the full importance of attention to this portion of their reports. Several cases have come to my personal knowledge where great efforts were made by Corps and Posts to make the service a memorable one, and officers' neglect to state, is certainly a great injustice. Public joint installations should in all cases be encouraged, for in no better way can the principles of our order be made known, or its workings receive the recognition it so justly deserves, particularly from members

of the G. A. R., from whom the following remarks have been heard more than once during the recent installations. "Why these Relief Corps women are an earnest, business-like band, and if we comrades do not pay more attention to our services, we will have to take a back seat, for they completely take the shine off us."

On assuming the duties of this office incapable as I felt myself to be, I fully made up my mind to devote all my spare time to its interests, but owing to the serious illness of an only sister, which has continued the greater portion of my term I have performed only a small part of the work laid out by me, but thanks to the noble women of our State the fires of loyalty have been kept brightly burning all along the line.

In reviewing the work of the many Assistant I. & I. Officers and the different causes of delay in transmitting reports, many of which have been received through Department Secretary, thus causing extra trouble and expense. I think that much of this might be avoided and in view of these facts I would offer the following:

RECOMMENDATIONS.

That election return blanks forwarded by Department Secretary to each Corps President, be accompanied by two stamped envelopes, one addressed to Department Secretary, and the other to Department I. & I. Officers, in which to inclose blanks properly addressed to Department Secretary and Department I. & I. Officer respectively, instead of both being addressed as now to Department Secretary.

To the dear sisters who have so kindly aided me in my work and by their loving, encouraging letters, many of which I found it impossible to answer, have so lightened my burden, I extend my most sincere thanks.

And to you dear President and Secretary I am indeed indebted for honor conferred and confidence bestowed, and in surrendering my office, I feel that my duties have been only half performed and promise, Providence permitting, to lend a

helping hand whenever called upon, and further the interests of our beloved order in every way possible.

May God speed the good work and bestow upon the noble women of this Department all of life's choicest blessings.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

CHARLOTTE E. NEWBURN,
Department I, & I. Officer.

TABULATED REPORT OF INSTALLATION OFFICERS FOR 1891.

Name of Corps.	No.	Location.	Date.	Remarks.	Installing Officer.
G. L. Nevius.....	1	Rockford.....	Jan. 5	Private.....	Mrs. Mary E. Van Alstyne.....
Lookout Mountain. . .	2	Henry.....	" 3	Public, G. A. R.....	Mrs. Bessie E. Townsend.....
Veteran.....	3	Elgin.....	" 7	Public G. A. R.....	Mrs. Ellen A. Brydges.....
Dunham.....	4	Decatur.....	" 17		Mrs. Sallie J. Steele.....
Alfred Harrison . . .	5	Palestine.....	" 10	Public, G. A. R.....	Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton.....
McClanahan.....	6	Monmouth.....	" 21	Private.....	Mrs. Minnie Gossett.....
Bloomington.....	7	Bloomington.....	" 23		Mrs. Davisson.....
Col. Shaw.....	8	Quincy.....	" 20	No report.....	No report.....
Joe Hooker.....	9	Canton.....	" 20		Mrs. Jennie Robbins.....
Aurora.....	10	Aurora.....	" 20	No report.....	Mrs. Clara W. Harral.....
J. F. French.....	11	Princeville.....	" 15		No report.....
Bryner.....	12	Peoria.....	" 26	No report.....	Mrs. Kizzie M. Flint.....
Chillicothe.....	13	Chillicothe.....	" 26	Public.....	Mrs. Charlotte E. Newburn.....
John Brown.....	14	Chicago.....	" 16	No report.....	No report.....
T. Lyle Dickey.....	15	Pontiac.....	" 2	Public G. A. R.....	Miss Jennie Brosz.....
Darveau.....	16	Morris.....	" 2		Mrs. Mary J. Stadde.....
Stephenson.....	17	Springfield.....	" 2		No report.....
Potter.....	18	Sycamore.....	" 9	Public G. A. R.....	John A. Swanson.....
Galva.....	19	Galva.....	" 2		No report.....
Phillips.....	20	Litchfield.....	" 9	Public G. A. R.....	John S. Caulfield, P. P. C.....
Levan.....	21	Farmer City.....	" 9		No report.....
Nunda.....	22	Nunda.....	" 5		No report.....
Lott.....	23		" 10		Mrs. Margaret A. Dayman.....
Eli Bowyer.....	24	Gibson City.....	" 14	Public G. A. R.....	Mrs. Mary E. McCauley.....
Lacon.....	25	Olney.....	Feb. 4		Mrs. Sarah D. Green.....
Isaac McManus.....	26	Lacon.....	" 4		Mrs. M. J. Olcott.....
Graham.....	27	Keithsburg.....	" 6		Mrs. Laura E. Clendenin.....
	28	Moline.....	" 6		

29	A. C. Harding.....	Jan.		Public G. A. R.....	Mrs. Adelaide Blain.....
30	Roseville.....	"	3		Mrs. Anna Brenn.....
31	Magnolia.....	"	7		Mrs. Martha J. Fidler.....
32	Augusta.....	"	12	Public G. A. R.....	Mrs. Mary Jorden.....
33	Pecatonica.....	"	14		H. Case P. P. C.....
34	Macomb.....	"			Mrs. Sue A. Sanders.....
35	Delevan.....	"	10		Louis Germain P. P. C.....
36	Gardner.....	"	3		No report.....
37	Summer.....	"	5	Public G. A. R.....	Warren Powers.....
38	Wauconda.....	"			J. F. Noland.....
39	Shawneetown.....	"	4		Mrs. Ellen McFarland.....
40	Elmwood.....	"	3		No report.....
41	Albany.....	"	3	Public G. A. R.....	Mrs. Hattie Mitchell.....
42	Harrisburg.....	"	9	Private.....	Mrs. Denveny.....
43	Leroy.....	"			Mrs. Carrie B. Taylor.....
44	Freeport.....	"	8		Mrs. Laura C. Haskell.....
45	Sterling.....	"			No report.....
46	Ridge Farm.....	"			Wm. L. Distin, Dept. Com.....
47	Quincy.....	"	1		L. S. Kilborn P. C.....
48	Casey.....	"	24	Public G. A. R.....	A. D. Barber.....
49	Hamilton.....	"	24		Florence M. Boden.....
50	Oquawaka.....	"	12		No report.....
51	Mackinaw.....	"			No report.....
52	Marengo.....	"			No report.....
53	Bellair.....	"			Fene E. Collins.....
54	Arcola.....	"	10	Public G. A. R. & S. V.....	J. L. Clendenin P. P. C.....
55	Sparta.....	"	13		No report.....
56	Morseville.....	"		Private.....	Mrs. Betsey Hurley.....
57	Saybrook.....	"	16		Mrs. Lida A. Oldroyd.....
58	Springfield.....	"	17		J. C. Kelley P. P. C.....
59	Earlville.....	"	10		No report.....
60	LaHarpe.....	"			No report.....
61	Byron.....	"			Mrs. Mary E. Fauber.....
62	Washington.....	"	16	Public G. A. R.....	No report.....
63	Robinson.....	"			
	A. C. Harding.....				
	Jas. A. Garfield.....				
	Union.....				
	Ellis.....				
	McDonough.....				
	Delavan.....				
	Sedgwick.....				
	John Watts.....				
	Wauconda.....				
	M. K. Lawler.....				
	Dan McCook.....				
	Capt. A. L. Knight.....				
	Geo. Newel.....				
	Thomas Riddle.....				
	John A. Davis.....				
	Will Robinson.....				
	Chas. A. Clark.....				
	John Wood.....				
	Monroe.....				
	Russell.....				
	Elsworth.....				
	John Hittle.....				
	Harley Wayne.....				
	A. C. Phillips.....				
	S. N. Sanders.....				
	Sparta.....				
	J. A. Maltby.....				
	McPherson.....				
	John A. Bross.....				
	McCullough.....				
	Geddes.....				
	Byron.....				
	Cooling.....				
	Rogardus.....				
	Henry Longnecker.....				

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS—Continued.

Name of Corps.	No.	Location.	Date.	Remarks.	Installing Officer.
Franklin.....	64	Monticello.....	Jan. 7	Private.....	Mrs. Inez J. Bender.....
J. P. Lasley.....	65	Camp Point.....	" 10		Clementine Ross.....
John Buford.....	66	Rock Island.....	" 9	Public G. A. R. & S. V.	James W. Brackett P. P. C.....
Henry Cobb.....	67	Metropolis.....	" 15		Mrs. Katie Pearson.....
Carter Van Vleet.....	68	Bushnell.....	" 0	Public.....	Mrs. Emily R. McCullough.....
Homer.....	69	Homer.....			No report.....
Alexander Simpson.....	70	Carthage.....			No report.....
Jaquith.....	71	Chebanco.....	" 31	Public G. A. R.	Mrs. Amanda Martin.....
James Adams.....	72	Cherry Point.....			No report.....
Silas Casey.....	73	Brighton Park.....			No report.....
James Hutchinson.....	74	DeWitt.....	" 10	Public G. A. R. & S. V.	J. F. Harrold P. P. C.....
Wash Alexander.....	75	Bethany.....			No report.....
Kenesaw.....	76	Danville.....	" 14		Mrs. Mary B. Jewel.....
Coulterville.....	77	Coulterville.....			No report.....
McLane.....	78	Beardstown.....	" 21		F. L. Angier.....
Z. S. Clifford.....	79	Equality.....			No report.....
Meritt Simmonds.....	80	DeKalb.....	" 20		Byron Snow P. P. C.....
Godfrey Wetzell.....	81	Chicago.....	" 8	Public G. A. R.	Mrs. Minnie M. Kyle.....
McDowell.....	82	E. St. Louis.....			No report.....
Rasaca.....	83	Genoa.....			No report.....
Robert Hale.....	84	Fulton.....			No report.....
Barington.....	85	Barington.....	" 19	Public G. A. R. & S. V.	E. R. Clark P. P. C.....
Bone Gap.....	86	Bone Gap.....	" 21	Public G. A. R.	Ervin Gould P. C.....
Driskell.....	87	Paris.....			
Warren Stewart.....	88	Caro.....	" 20	Private.....	Mrs. Sarah E. Hannon.....
Mendell.....	89	Springfield.....	" 14		Mrs. Esther Woods.....
Amos Morey.....	90	New Canton.....	" 12		H. B. Atkinson.....
John McTucker.....	91	Barry.....	" 20	Private.....	Mrs. C. Mel Hurt.....

Faragut.	92	Chicago.	Jan.	10	Public G. A. R.	Mrs. C. E. Newburn
W. H. Wallace	93	Centralia.	"	14	Private	Mrs. Hattie ——— over
Joseph Woodruff	94	Marseilles	"	14		Mrs. Mary E. Stone.
James P. Foster	95	Caro.	"	15		Mrs. Alice M. Taylor.
Loomis.	96	DuQuoin.	"	13		Not named
John E. Parrott.	97	Prophetstown.	"	19	Public G. A. R.	Mrs. Almira Cleveland
O. W. Courtwright.	98	Blandinsville				No report.
Julius A. Pratt.	99	Kewanee.	"	2	Public G. A. R. of V.	Joshiah Moor G. A. R. Dept. Chap.
R. K. McCoy.	100	Clayton	"	5		W. H. Harrison.
Sidell.	101	Sidell.				No report.
Thomas Markley.	102	Hutsonville.	"	24		No report.
F. D. Hubbel.	103	Hillsboro.	"			Mrs. Jennie Glenn
Polo	104	Polo	"			No report.
W. B. Archer.	105	Marshall	"			No report.
Gro. Kridler.	106	Milledgeville.	"	10		Horace T. Heapley
Babcock.	107	Onarga.	"	20	Private	Mrs. Sophrano Warren.
A. Lincoln.	108	Chicago.	"	1	Public.	Mrs. Mary S. Ballinger.
Matte Starr	109	Jacksonville.	"	9	Private	Mrs. Sarah N. Bradford.
Francis M. Long	110	Taylorville.	"	4		Mrs. M. A. Ketzmler
Major Lee.	111	Rossville.				No report
Timber	112	Glassford.	"	20		No report.
Plano.	113	Plano.	"			Mrs. Alice Walker
Alexander.	114	Flora	"			No report.
Mother Bickerydyke.	115	Edinburg	"			No report.
Streator.	116	Streator.	"	8	Private	Mrs. Aggie Hall.
Waukegan.	117	Waukegan	"	8	Private.	Mrs. E. McArthur.
Leo. W. Myers	118	Lincoln	Feb. 12			Mrs. Grace A. Beach
Whippel.	119	Kankakee.				No report.
Albion.	120	Albion.	Jan.	9	Public G. A. R.	Wm. R. Strawn P. P. C.
James T. Shields.	121	Galesburg.	"	13	Public	Mrs. Anna Morgan
Alatona.	122	Arnington.	"	5		W. H. Kelly.
T. W. Humphrey	123	Kirkland.				No report.
	124					
Paxton.	125	Paxton	"	3	Public G. A. R. S of V	Mrs. Maggie H. Hutchison
Emery.	126	Buda	"	10		Francis M. D ———

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS—Continued.

Name of Corps.	No.	Location.	Date.	Remarks.	Installing Officer.
Dan Miles.....	127	Eureka	Feb. 23		Joseph C. Reeves.....
Randolph	128	Ponca.....	Jan. 20	Public G. A. R.	F. J. Field.....
A. J. Weber	129	Pawnee.....			No report.....
Sam'l G. Steadman.....	130	Fampico.....	Jan. 12		Chas. M. Outhank.....
Alanta.....	131	Atlanta	" 16		James N. Morris.....
Oregon.....	132	Oregon	" 20		J. T. Beal.....
J. B. Manzer.....	133	Harvard	" 8	Public	Mrs. Mary S. Ballinger.....
Dickerson	134	Bradford	"		No report.....
John Hunter.....	135	Minier.....	" 13	Public G. A. R.	Mrs. C. E. Newburn.....
Geo. G. Meade.....	136	Englewood.....	"		No report.....
Ellery.....	137	Ellettsville.....	" 10	Public G. A. R.	Mrs. D. A. Leaverton.....
Martin R. Delaney	138	Chicago.....	" 8	Private	Mary L. Vincent M. D
Eugene Lyford	139	Port Byron	"		No report.....
Barteson.....	140	Joliet.....	" 8	Public G. A. R.	Mrs. C. E. Newburn.....
Col. Jas. A. Mulligan	141	Chicago.....	" 21		Henry Fox.....
D. N. Kirk.....	142	Peru.....	"		No report.....
Blue Island	143	Blue Island	" 20		Miss Lena Lesem.....
Dwight	144	Dwight			No report.....
Yates.....	145	Effingham			No report.....
James Haynes	146	Raymond			No report.....
Thos. Layton	147	Lewiston	" 10		Mrs. Mary S. Ballinger.....
Mound City.....	148	Mound City.....	" 10		L. F. King.....
Gov. Yates.....	149	Jacksonville.....			No report.....
Gen. Louis Blenker.....	150	Chicago.....			No report.....
Alton.....	151	Alton.....	" 29		L. A. Ferry.....
John Baird	152	Virden.....	"		No report.....
Carlyle.....	153	Carlyle.....	" 10		Mrs. Hattie McKee.....
L. G. Keedy.....	154	Minonk.....	" 7		

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS—Continued.

Name of Corps.	No.	Location.	Date.	Remarks.	Installing Officer.
Frank Lowery	155	Clinton			No report
Woodruff	156	Washburn	Jan. 3		Mrs. H. R. Woodruff
Delaney	157	Alton	"		No report
Harrison W. Wood	158	McLean	" 3	Public G. A. R. S. of V	F. A. Eyestone
Melvin	159	Melvin	" 10		Mrs. Marrilla Ward
Black Eagle	160	Urbana	" 9		Jas Brownlee
A. E. Burnside	161	S. Chicago			No report
Col. Wm. Brooks	162	Brooklyn			No report
Cerro Gordo	163	Cerro Gordo			No report
Yorkville	164	Yorkville			No report
Wm. H. Tandy	165	Payson			No report
Seth C. Earl	166	Ottawa	" 6	Public G. A. R. S. of V	Thos. C. Fullerton R. P. O.

NEW CORPS INSTITUTED DURING THE YEAR FROM MARCH 12, 1890 TO MARCH 31, 1891.

Name of Corps.	No.	Location.	Date.	No. Char Men	Remarks.	Instituting Officer.
John Baird.....	152	Virdeu.....	Mar 26, 90	22		Mrs. Mary J. Stadden.....
Carlyle.....	153	Carlyle.....	Apr 12, 90	20		" Hatie Hoover.....
L. G. Keely.....	154	Minok.....	Apr 2, 90	14		" Mary Davissou.....
Frank Lowery.....	155	Clinton.....	Apr 15, 90	33		" Inez Bender.....
Woodruff.....	156	Washington.....	Apr 15, 90	15		" Dell A. Clarke.....
Delany.....	157	Alton.....	July 4, 90	13		" Carrie B. Geary.....
H. W. Wood.....	158	McLean.....	July 10, 90	20		" Mary Davissou.....
Melvin.....	159	Melvin.....	Aug 27, 90	21		" Marilla Ward.....
Black Eagle.....	160	Urbana.....	Sep 4, 90	31		" Inez J. Bender.....
A. E. Burnside.....	161	S. Chicago.....	Aug 29, 90	13		" Mary S. Ballinger.....
Col. Wm. Brooks.....	162	Brooklyn.....	Sep 8, 90	33		" Carrie B. Geary.....
Cerro Gordo.....	163	Cerro Gordo.....	Nov 1, 90	30		" Inez J. Bender.....
Yorkville.....	164	Yorkville.....	Nov 12, 90	33		" Clara W. Haral.....
Wm. H. Tandy.....	165	Payson.....	Nov 8, 90	14		" Artemisia Hall.....
Seth C. Earl.....	166	Ottawa.....	Nov 10, 90	31		" Clara W. Haral.....
Geo. Yocum.....	167	Vermont.....	Dec 18, 90	24		" Mary Lautz.....
E. C. Camp.....	168	Bement.....	Jan 19, 91	18	Public G.A.R. S. of V	" Inez J. Bender.....
Jo. Hanna.....	169	Pekin.....	Jan 27, 91	20		" Sue A. Sanders.....
Col. Chas. H. Morton.....	170	Quincy.....	Feb 14, 91	21		" Helen F. Bristol.....
Gen. Mansfield.....	171	Mansfield.....	Feb 28, 91	12	Public.....	" Inez J. Bender.....
Tolono.....	172	Tolono.....	Mar 11, 91	13		" Mary A. Bradley.....
Swain.....	173	Tiskilwa.....	Mar 20, 91	20		" Sarai C. Foster.....
Columbia.....	175	Chicago.....	Mar 13, 91	22		" Margaret I. Sanders.....
Whittier.....	176	Chicago.....	Apr 1, 91	14		" Mary S. Ballinger.....

REPORT OF DELEGATE AT-LARGE TO EIGHTH NATIONAL CON- VENTION W. R. C.

The Eighth National Convention of the W. R. C., auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, met in Boston, Mass., August 13th and 14th, 1890, with Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer as National President. On Wednesday morning, August 13th, there was an informal opening, at which all visitors were invited to exchange greetings. The veterans were present in large numbers, and the warm reception given them was heartily appreciated. Tremont Temple was magnificently decorated. Everything that art could do was done to enhance the beauty and pleasure of the occasion. Among the most conspicuous of the decorations was a welcome "To the Veterans of '61 and '65. Our Debt of Gratitude can Never be Paid," most artistically festooned and draped with bunting of "Red, White and Blue." Our flag floated everywhere.

Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer delivered a short and most interesting address. Mrs. Wittenmyer requested Mrs. Bagley to present a testimonial badge to Mrs. Craig, our National President of the year before. Mrs. Craig not being present, her father, Gen. Rusk (more familiarly known as Uncle Jerry,) accepted for her. He made a most touching and appreciative speech.

Among the visitors were Mrs. Gen. Logan, Mrs. Alger and Mrs. Livermore. The latter made some very pointed remarks about Woman's Rights, which were received with applause. Mrs. Logan, ever inspiring her listeners with love and patriotism, assured us in a brief address that the Pension bill now pending in Congress would be passed, pensioning army nurses, which will be hailed with joy by many a true and loyal heart.

Mrs. Wittenmyer, who had given the floor to these visitors, resumed her address, at the conclusion of which the Convention then adjourned to partake of a most carefully prepared lunch given to the visitors, officers and delegates of the W. R.

C., by the ladies of the W. R. C. in Boston. I assure you they did justice to the bountiful spread, for it was most tempting, and to each guest was presented a beautiful souvenir.

The formal opening of the Convention was held in the afternoon of Wednesday, August 13th. Before the Convention went into session, Paul Van Der Voort, who has been the warm friend of the W. R. C., was introduced. Before he utters a word you feel confidence in him, so powerful is his physique. He has a youthful face, which depicts a loyal heart. He received applause throughout his address.

Mrs. Barker, Past National President of the W. R. C., then read the first charter of the organization. The very sight of this piece of parchment was received with cheer after cheer. This article, through some oversight, had never been signed by our friend, Paul Van DerVoort, Commander at the time. Upon invitation he filled the blank with his name. Just at this time, before the hour for adjournment, it was found that an intruder was in the audience, whereupon Mrs. Bradley, our former delegate, made the motion to adjourn, and it was carried.

Thursday morning the Convention was called to order and reports of the committees of the previous meeting received and acted upon. Mrs. Knowles, the Department President of our hosts, gave us the following statistics of the Woman's Relief Corps :

Number of members.....	102,522
Amount of relief	\$ 94,335.04
Whole amount expended in the seven years of our existence	248,929.84
Relief.....	156,168.57
Turned over to the Posts.....	375,098.46

Thursday afternoon a handsome bouquet of flowers was sent in by the Johnstown Corps, and received by Miss Clara Barton.

Mrs. Barker made the motion, and it was carried, that five members be mentioned to decide the question placed before the Convention in regard to the four Corps of Washington, D. C., being made auxiliary to the Potomac Department, it having already an auxiliary Corps doing valuable work. The decision was in favor of but one, the original Corps being auxiliary.

The closing session of Thursday, August 14, was opened by a report of Committee on Appeals to the effect that Celestia D. Messenger was not a member of the Order.

Mrs. Sherwood reported the illness of Mrs. Landon, and motion passed to have a committee appointed to carry greetings and condolence to her.

Mrs. Sherwood nominated Mrs. McHenry, of Iowa, for National President.

Nominations for National Junior Vice President: Mrs. Sine, of Illinois, by Miss Bross, seconded by Colorado; Mrs. Young, of St. Louis, by Mrs. D'Arcy Kinney, seconded by Mrs. Mink, of New York.

The candidates were presented to the audience and ballot taken.

Mrs. Hannon, of Illinois, remarked that as the recognition sign had been done away with, we wanted some kind of sign and proposed one, "*Sine*."

The teller reported votes cast, 193; necessary to a choice, 97. Young 115 and Sine 56. Mrs. Young was escorted to the platform and saluted.

Mrs. Cheney was unanimously elected National Treasurer, the Secretary casting the ballot.

The election of the Executive Board was next in order. Many nominations were made. A committee withdrew and selected a Board from amongst the number nominated.

A Board of Directors for the National W. R. C. Home was selected.

* Mrs. Clark, of Ohio, moved to make the basis of representation to the next National Convention one for every eight hundred members. An amendment to make it seven hundred was carried.

A report of the Committee on Revision of the Ritual was made by Mrs. Hampton.

A protest was entered by a Connecticut lady against the omission of Scripture from the Corps exercises in the new ritual.

Motion made that there be no revision of ritual for at least ten years. There was much discussion pro and con.

Mrs. Barker thought the money on hand was needed more for the "Home" than for rituals.

Mrs. Bagley, of Ohio, thought we needed new rituals.

The Treasurer reported four hundred old ones still on hand.

Motion carried, after long discussion, for new rituals, with such correction as the Convention might order, for one year. Vote, 68 for; 30 against.

Mrs. Plummer moved a vote of thanks to the citizens of Boston for their generous hospitality.

Mrs. Leaverton moved that new rituals be issued to Corps free, and it was carried.

Installation of officers—Obligated only, as the hour was so late, it being now 1:00 a. m. Mrs. Plummer, of Ohio, installing officer. Mrs. Sherwood conductor.

I think I can safely say that in numbers and character the delegation from Illinois was not excelled by any in the Convention. Everything was done by the citizens of Boston to make the visit memorable, and no one of the thousands of the Grand Army of the Republic and Relief Corps who were present can recall this visit to the Capitol of the old Commonwealth with any feeling but of pleasure and gratitude for the hospitality and courtesy shown us.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GEORGIE H. BERRY.

DONATIONS TO S. AND S. HOME.

QUINCY, ILL., March 20, 1891.

MRS. DELILAH LEAVERTON, Department President W. R. C.,
Palestine, Ill.

DEAR MADAM: I have the honor of reporting to you the following contributions sent to my care by the different Relief Corps of this State during the year ending March 20, 1891.

I wish to say that there has some times been articles and packages sent to Major Rowland, or directed to the "Home," acknowledged by Major Rowland, which I may not have on my account book.

There has been one quilt sent, also one package of jelly, which I can give no account of, as I failed to find from whence they came. If I can find the name of the town or box or package, I can hunt up the donor. There was no clue on either of these packages.

Feeling that it may be impossible for me to attend the annual meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps in Decatur, I wish to state to you, or assure you of the gratitude and appreciation of the sufferers of this Hospital for all the dainties and comforts contributed during the past year. When I began to make out my account, I thought I would not have much to do, but you see these sick men have been frequently remembered and in a generous manner.

The canned fruits and jellies have been more valuable than I can express. Socks for swollen feet, not found in market, have given untold comfort. The quilts are not only of the best make, but many of them lovely and artistic. Comfortables *all* in constant use, making invalid chairs into beds of ease and comfort.

I might go on for pages, but will sum it all up by saying to you that Gen. Averill and some members of the National Committee on Soldiers' and Sailors' Homes, have pronounced

this Hospital as the model Hospital for a Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, saying, "Who would have thought that a few bright, pretty quilts would have such a cheery effect, ~~and~~ give a ward such an air of home and comfort?" I feel, dear madam, ~~that~~ these remarks were due to the tokens of F., C. and L. of the women of our Relief Corps. The members of the Hospital are never too sick or feeble to murmur a "God bless you."

Enclosed you will find an itemized account of the contributions, beginning the 20th of February, 1890, unto the 20th of March, 1891, inclusive.

Thanking you, and through you, the ladies of the Relief Corps for all your kindness, sympathy and assistance, I beg leave to subscribe myself

Yours in F., C. and L.,

MRS. EMILY W. LIPPINCOTT,

Matron of the Hospital of Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Quincy,
Illinois,

*Itemized Account of Contributions from W. R. C., from Feb.
20, 1890, to March 21, 1891.*

ROCKFORD NO. 1. — December 17, 1890.

1 quilt	12 rugs
12 pair socks	

ELGIN NO. 3. — November 2, 1890.

1 quilt	40 copies "Once a Week"
4 vols Countries of the World	12 novels "Once a Week"
2½ vols	6 glasses, cup jelly
1 quart jar cherres	2 quarts jam—broken

DCATUR NO. 4. — December 23, 1890.

1 nice quilt

MONMOUTH NO. 6. — March 20, 1890.

2 quilts

AURORA NO. 10.—July 28, 1890.

1 box bandages

December 17, 1890.

6 quarts canned peaches

7 quarts canned sweet corn

5 quarts tomatoes

6 jars fruit

2 jars pickles

24 oranges

2 sheets taffy candy

5 pounds mixed candy

1 pound tobacco, 6 pipes

5 packages tobacco, 12 pipes

15 Harper's Monthly

2 Atlantic Monthly

8 Family Library

4 Manhattan

1 copy Mendelssohn

1 Frank Leslie

1 poem

1 vol Earth Trembled

1 vol Michiel Strogoff

Youths' Companion

PEORIA, NO. 12.—November 8, 1890.

12 pair large stockings

MORRIS, NO. 16.—March 20, 1890.

1 bottle malted milk

SPRINGFIELD, NO. 17.—May 13, 1890.

\$2 cash for flowers

GALVA, NO. 19.—January 4.

2 large fine rugs

CHICAGO, NO. 141.—March 13.

A lovely quilt etching

MOLINE, NO. 28.—December 24, 1890.

2 comfortables

4 quilts

6 pair socks

1 cushion

12 glasses jelly

AUGUSTA, NO. 32.—May 30.

2 quilts, 1 blue and white, 1 print

DEHAVAN, NO. 35.—December 17.

5 quart can blackberries

10 glasses jelly

6 quarts fruit in glass jars, some broken and spoiled,

LEROY, NO. 43.—March 8, 1890.

1 white quilt embroidered

SHAWNEETOWN, NO. 39.

2 quilts

FREEPORT, NO. 44.—November 17, 1890.

10 rugs, valued \$7.50

1 quilt, valued \$3

Thread valued 25c

Needle case, valued 25c

1 year 1886 Century

1 wool rug, valued \$1

2 pictures, valued \$2

Comb, valued 10c

Comb case valued 25c

Christian Advocate other papers

STERLING, NO. 45.—November 14, 1890.

1 quilt for cottage

QUINCY, NO. 47.—September 10, 1890.

3 flannel Jackets, for sick men

December 25, 1890.

4 dozen oranges

SPRINGFIELD NO. 58.—December 24, 1890.

2 quart jars fruit

1 bottle pickles

2 glasses jelly

1 bottle jelly

1 quart can apricots

1 bottle catsup

1 large glass jelly

EARLVILLE, NO. 59.—May 16, 1890.

1 quilt

Some papers

1 large cushion to wheel chair

ROBINSON, NO. 63.—December 17.

2 quilts, 1 to go to Oxodin, one to go to F. Oxodin, cot 13

MONTICELLO, NO. 64.—March 12.

1 quilt

CAMP POINT, NO. 65.—January 1.

6 quarts fruit

7 glasses Jelly

HOMER, NO. 69.—December 20.

20 squares honey

6 glasses jelly for cottage 12

CHEBANSE, NO. 71.—November 25, 1890.

2 half gallon jars pears—broken	3 cans peaches
2 cans apricots	10 quarts cherries
10 quarts cherries	2 quarts gooseberries
3 quarts blackberries	3 quarts raspberries
2 quarts grapes	1 quart water melon pickles
5 glasses jelly	

December 25th.

\$2.50 money to pay express.

DEKALB, NO. 80—November 8, 1890.

1 quilt	1 album
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GODFREY WEITZEL, NO. 91.—April 1, 1890.

2 doz oranges	1 dozen lemons.
1 jar Scotch preserves	1 can peaches
1 can strawberries	1 hackey dates
Package for McKendry	2 papers smoking tobacco
1 glass jelly	papers

November 26.

2 dozen apples	1 pound candy
6 oranges	1 pound prunes
6 lemons	4 novels
1 dozen tobacco	1½ chewing plugs
1 jar fruit	1 jar nice pickles
2 bottles onion pickles	1 quart green gage plums
1 pint preserves	3 glasses jelly
National Tribune and other papers	

December 24th.

20 pounds candy	10 novels
Scme jelly	

CAIRO, NO. 88.—March 16, 1890.

1 T quilt

SPRINGFIELD, NO. 89. —March 1, 1890.

1 red and white quilt

CENTRALIA NO. 93.—April 6, 1890.

12 long night shirts

MARSELLES, NO. 94.—October 20, 1890.

18 packages jelly—3 broken

KEWANEE, NO. 99.—December 24.

8 shirts

14 pillow cases

CLAYTON, NO. 100.—September 12, 1890.

1 Album quilt

October 13, 1890.

10 glasses jelly

1 cup jelly

TAYLORVILLE, NO. 110.—December 24, 1890.

1 comfortable

1 quilt

1 looking-glass

1 bedspread

1 pillow

2 pair pillow slips

2 sheets

1 towel

1 table cloth

4 napkins

1 handkerchief

1 pin cushion

3 pair drawers

6 roll bandages

3 glasses jelly

2 bottles catsup

1 mush and milk set, lovely and in use every day for a dainty consumptive.

GALESBURG, NO. 121.—December 18, 1890.

4 quarts fruit

12 quarts blackberries

1 pint pickles

3 glasses jelly

1 cup jelly

February 24, 1891.

1 roll rag carpet

KIRKLAND, NO. 123.—January 4, 1891.

1 box bandages

4 nice towels

2 large cushions

1 comfortable

1 rug, horse on it

3 handkerchiefs

1 pair drawers

1 undershirt

2 pin cushions

2 small cushions

4 New Years cards

2 magazines

3 books of the Four Corners of the Globe—valuable

PAYTON, NO. 125.—October 1, 1890.

1 lovely large quilt, red and white, flag on corner

PAWNEE, NO. 129. — December 25.

1 quilt

BRADFORD, NO. 134. — December 8, 1890.

1 chair cushion and head pin	1 foot comfortable
1 sheet	1 pair pillow slips
1 pin cushion	2 white sachet bags
2 needle books	7 quarts fruit
1 quart pickles	1 bottle wine
15 oranges	6 lemons
9 glasses jelly	1 cup jelly

MINIER, NO. 135. — December 23, 1890.

1 pink and white comforter

JOLIET, NO. 140. — May 15, 1890.

2 quilts—1 went to I. Worthingham

PERU, NO. 142. — November 26, 1890.

11 quarts fruit	1 bowl marmalade
13 glasses jelly	

GALVA, NO. 19. — March 19, 1891.

12 night shirts	2 quilts
2 chair cushions	1 strip of rag carpet

One quilt received in February with no name, no letter, nothing to tell where it came from; also one package of jelly about Christmas times.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Annual Convention of the Department of Illinois:

Your Committee on Officers' Reports respectfully submit the following:

Of the Annual Address of the President we can speak in high terms. Her devotion to the work of the Woman's Relief Corps could not well be more apparent. Though laboring under peculiarly afflicting circumstances in her home—sickness, and the death of a dearly beloved member of the family to whom she gave devoted attention—there yet can be detected no lack of faithfulness and efficiency in her official relations to the Department. We are pleased to note that Department Commander Distin tendered to her any aid in the power of the Department to grant.

Among the numerous features of her yearly report of work which merit special mention and commendation, is the urging and endeavoring to push to success the National Flag Bill, and the response of the various Corps to her General Order, resulting in long lists of names signed to the petitions sent to the Senate and House.

In her address she noted with just pride the fact that our Department was reported by her to the National Convention as free from debt, with a balance in the Treasury.

While the membership of the Department has been steadily gaining, it has swelled the amount of our Relief Funds in the various Corps, so that more aid has been rendered to needy Veterans' families than ever before; \$199.96 was raised through her solicitation for Mr. Whishman, a needy veteran; 7,400 flags were sent to Andersonville through her instrumentality by Corps in accordance with one of her General Orders.

We would respectfully endorse all her recommendations, especially No. 3, in regard to providing a home for the needy wives and mothers of the Union soldiers and sailors, and for our Army nurses; also No. 4, recommending that our Department be represented in the approaching Columbian Exposition. This recommendation was received with applause when announced in her address.

We would like to call attention to No. 2 also, believing that if endorsed by the Convention it will relieve of embarrassment Department Presidents in future.

The report of the Senior Vice President, Miss Jennie Bross, is to be highly endorsed, especially in the following: "Convention should take precedence over sight-seeing or trying to combine business with pleasure, which, in either case, terminates in disastrous failure. In too many instances the business, which is to devise ways and means for the upbuilding and advancement of our noble Order, is lost sight of entirely by delegates from Corps and Departments. Too much valuable time is wasted during Conventions in clamoring for honors and preferments for individual favorites, forgetting that the offices should be held by those who have the best executive ability, indomitable perseverance and courage to fill them, sinking personal preference and friendship entirely in the selection." Of her two recommendations we would respectfully endorse No. 1, but we think there are apparent reasons why No. 2 would not work well in all Corps, if adopted.

The Junior Vice President, Mrs. Ellen A. Brydges, while expressing the feeling that there was comparatively little for her to do, gives evidence that she has performed that little well, and believes that she has received more benefit from the office than she has imparted. Her own excellent recommendation is that we may not allow our zeal to lag until the veteran's wife is also provided for, that they may spend their declining days together, in a Home for both, blessed with the happy and substantial assurance that their sufferings and sacrifices to preserve the Union were not in vain or unappreciated.

The Department Secretary, Mrs. Martha Lindsey Martin,

in her comprehensive and carefully prepared report, gives the number of members in good standing as 5,471; \$3,748.13 in cash has been expended for relief during the year, and \$2,140.97 in relief other than money, thereby giving aid to 1,092 soldiers and their families, making a total of 1,438 persons assisted. The different Corps have turned over to the Posts \$1,276.94.

Twenty-four Corps have been instituted since the last Convention. We endorse her first and third recommendations, but in regard to No. 2 think it very convenient, and indeed necessary, in view of the fact that Corps Presidents and their Secretaries with whom General Orders are filed, so often reside so far apart, to have the President also provided with a copy of each General Order for reference.

It gives us pleasure to refer in the highest terms to the faithful performance of her duty as Secretary, shown not only by her report, but by our personal knowledge, during the months of the year.

The report of the Treasurer, Miss Ada Carlton, shows, as usual, accurate and systematic work, and conscientious attention to minutest detail. The growth in the number of Corps, and the zeal of our workers, has increased the receipts of our Relief and General Funds to a considerable extent, and correspondingly added to the labors of our faithful Treasurer.

The Chaplain, Mrs. Anna Morgan, reports 130 Corps as having taken part in Memorial services, against 115 last year; \$345.93 was expended for flowers, etc.; and doubtless there were as many or more of the usual donations of flowers by citizens, for as the years go by the interest taken in the sad tribute to our departed heroes increases, and the desire becomes more general to do honor to their memories by the placing of fragrant flowers and bright flags on each resting place. The Chaplain this year is no exception to her predecessors in seeming to appreciate her sacred office, regarding it as the sweetest and best of all.

The report of the Department Inspector, Mrs. Mary E. McCauley, is also worthy of praise. Her record is a good one. A kind and gracious manner, words of cheer and encouragement won all hearts, while her able instruction, her ready ans-

wer to queries, strengthened and assisted many a Corps which was needing just the help so gracefully and generously rendered. Her wisdom in choosing assistants, and judgment in supplying vacancies caused by illness of her regular appointees, are evident.

It is our pleasure to call attention to recommendation No. 1, while also endorsing No. 2, that this Eighth Annual Convention make provision for a School of Instruction, whereby the Department Inspector can call together the Assistant Inspectors at some convenient place, so that the work of inspection hereafter may be more uniform. Of 146 Corps, 138 have been fully inspected, the remaining partly.

As Counselor, the report of Mrs. Clara W. Harral is a pleasant one, averring, as she does, that the Department has worked so harmoniously the past year that her counsel has been rarely called for, showing, she adds, that our Seventh Annual Convention was wise in the election of its officers, and that the record of a second year may be a good one. She considers her position as Counselor has been one of honor rather than of labor. We are no longer, she says, an experiment, but an Order that stands second to none in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, and let not a member cease in her efforts to inculcate lessons of patriotism and loyalty in every heart in our noble country. Let us put forward our best efforts, that no soldier or his family may be compelled to see any other flag held to the breeze than the time-honored stars and stripes, which cost so many lives that it might reign supreme over the land. Mrs. Harral instituted two Corps, one at Ottawa and the other at Yorkville. In closing she asks that every Corps cease not to remember and continue the acts of kindness characterizing our work in the past, special mention being made of the Soldiers' Home at Quincy and the Orphan's Home at Normal, where none but those parents who were loyal to this country in the dark days of the rebellion, are admitted.

The Department I. & I. officer, Mrs. Charlotte E. Newburn, reports twenty-four new Corps. Of the 146 Corps, thirty-nine are delinquent in election returns. Twenty-seven report pub-

lie installation, and thirty-two jointly with Posts and Sons of Veterans. In this connection she would impress upon our assistant I. & I. officers the full importance of attention to the need of encouraging public and joint installations, for in no better way can the principles of our Order be made known, or its workings receive the recognition it justly deserves, particularly from members of the G. A. R., from whose lips the following and like remarks have been heard to emanate during the recent installation ceremonies: "Why, these Relief Corps women are an earnest, business-like band, and if we Comrades do not pay more attention to our services we will have to take a back seat, for they completely take the shine off us."

The serious illness of an only sister prevented the carrying out of many plans of work laid for the good of the Order, but the efforts put forth have told for good, and her report compares well with that of any previous year. She recommends the following, which we would respectfully endorse:

That Election Returns Blanks, forwarded by Department Secretary to each Corps President, be accompanied by two stamped envelopes, one addressed to Department Secretary, and the other to Department I. & I. officer, in which to enclose blanks when properly filled out, such blanks to be properly addressed to Department Secretary and Department I. & I. officer respectively, instead of both being addressed as now to Department Secretary.

Mrs. Georgia Berry, delegate-at-large to the Eighth National Convention in Boston August 13th, 1890, gives a very entertaining and instructive report.

On Wednesday morning there was an informal opening or reception, to which all visitors were invited, to exchange greetings. Fremont Temple was magnificently decorated. Everything that could be done was done to enhance the beauty and pleasure of the occasion. The flag floated everywhere in its beauty, and mottoes such as "Our Debt of Gratitude Can Never be Paid," were everywhere conspicuous. The President of the National Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Annie Wittenmeyer, delivered a short but able and most acceptable address. Among distinguished visitors were Mrs. General Logan and Alger, Mrs.

Livermore and Clara Barton, the far-famed nurse, to whom was presented an elegant bouquet.

In Mrs. Logan's address she assured her hearers that the Nurse's Pension Bill would be passed by Congress which assertion was received with great applause.

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The entire report is replete with interest, and should be read by all to obtain a better idea of the Convention from our delegates' standpoint than this short reference to it can convey.

In closing, we beg to express the view that the officers' reports this year show an advance in work and intelligent interest all along the line, and do honor to our Order.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

EVA MUNSON SMITH,
CARRIE B. GEARY,
CARRIE TINKHAM,
MARY TUCKER,
MARY DAVISSON,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME.

DELAVER, ILL., March 20, 1891.

MRS. DELILAH A. LEAVERTON, President Department Illinois
W. R. C.

In compliance with instructions received from you, I here with present to you and to the members of the Eighth Department Convention of the W. R. C. of Illinois, my report as committee to visit the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans Home, located at Normal.

March 5th was chosen for my visit. Leaving my home at 7:20 a. m., I was at Bloomington joined by our Department Treasurer, Miss Ada Carlton, who, by her presence, added much to the pleasure of the day. Arriving at the Home we were very cordially received by Dr. and Mrs. DeMotte, who made us feel at home and gave us every facility possible to learn of the workings of the Home. Mrs. DeMotte, although having friends spending the day with her, gave her time to us, accompanying us throughout the buildings, answering our many questions and giving information in such a pleasant, cordial way as to win my heart.

Our first visit was to the schools, in which there are seven departments, all presided over by lady teachers. The school rooms we found very light and cheerful, adorned with pictures and blooming plants. The pupils were having their regular examination, and we found by looking over their papers, their standing in the different studies was good. Indeed, the schools compare very favorably with our public schools. We regretted that time would not admit of our visiting every grade. While in the school building the bell rang for recess. A bright boy stepped into the upper hall and began playing upon a harp, while the pupils filed out of their respective rooms and marched down stairs, keeping step to the music with the regularity and

precision of trained soldiers. I asked the little fellow whether he always played for the pupils to pass out. With a bright smile he answered, "Yes ma'am."

Passing down stairs and out into the yard we found the pupils enjoying their recess with their sleds, and in various other ways, free and happy as only children can be.

There are two large play grounds, one for the boys, another for the girls. In each is a large pavilion, where the children may play in stormy weather.

We next visited the hospital. This we found almost deserted. I asked the lady in charge how many patients were in the hospital, and was much surprised when she answered, "Only one, a little girl who has a swelling on her neck." I expressed my astonishment at hearing such a report when there was so much sickness throughout the entire country, and was told there had not been one of the children confined to the bed by sickness since last September. Taking into consideration the number of children in the Home, (there was 429 at the time of my visit.) surely this speaks volumes for the healthfulness of the Institution. In the hospital we found everything bright and cheerful. A cozy little dining room, where the convalescents take their meals; also a kitchen complete in every appointment, where the dainty food is prepared for the sick. One room is kept expressly for any who may be suffering from contagious disease. The only inmate we found here was an old parrott sitting in her cage.

We visited the engine rooms. There are three large double engines in charge of competent engineers. These engines furnish heat for all purposes, not only steam for heating all the buildings, but also pumping all the water required for use throughout the entire Institute. I inquired the amount of coal consumed, and was told it required from eight to nine tons every twenty-four hours.

In this building we found a work shop, where one of the engineers, who is also a machinist, attends to necessary repairs.

Passing to the main building we visited the serving room for girls' clothing. What an array of clothing we found!

Around the room, on two sides, was hanging the girls' best dresses, covered by curtains, which I supposed was to protect them from dust; but observing that everything was the perfection of neatness, I could but wonder where any dust might come from. I had been told the girls' uniform was plaid flannel, and had in my mind a coarse, cheap grade of that article, but found the dresses are made of nice, fine, all wool flannel. Indeed, they were handsome plaids. Each girl has two dresses, one for every day and one for Sunday wear. I wondered how they would distinguish the suit belonging to any particular girl, but learned each girl had her number, and each hook and receptacle for clothing was numbered to correspond, so there was no confusion. In this room we saw a number of work-baskets. These are given to the girls, providing they are willing to line and fit them up under the instruction of the seamstress. Some of them were completed and were very pretty, with their blue lining and needle cases.

We also visited the room where the clothing for boys is cut and made. Formerly all the uniforms for boys were made by parties outside the Home, but it was found it could be done at less expense by the employees, so as a matter of economy all the clothing for boys is now made in the Institution.

In the boys' dressing room the same order and neatness prevails. The boys each have two suits. The best ones were hanging around the room on numbered hooks, all neatly covered by curtains, while underclothing, handkerchiefs, etc., were placed in numbered apartments. The older boys are required to keep their suits neatly brushed and free from dust themselves.

New uniforms and also all other clothing is furnished twice per year. I wondered what the boy would do whose boots happened to give out before the time came around for new ones to be given them, but found they had an admirable arrangement to meet such cases. All the boots, when in need of mending, were tossed into a box, taken to the cobbler and repaired. Instead of being again given to the boy who had worn them, they are put away as a reserve stock, and any boy whose boots gave out before the time to issue the new ones came around, received a pair of neatly mended ones.

We passed to the bath-rooms, which I thought were perfection. Here are a number of apartments, fitted each with a large bath tub, where the older ones take their bath. In others were smaller tubs, where the little ones are bathed by their attendants.

The bath-rooms all open from a large wash room, where the boys wash before eating their meals. This room has on two sides a continuous sink, where hands and faces are washed in spray thrown by faucet. I noticed eight large freshly ironed roller towels, and was told those would have to be replaced by fresh ones before the boys were through washing for dinner. Mrs. DeMotte told me she had first sent an order for five hundred (500) yards of crash for towels. The towels once used are sent to the laundry. Similar rooms are fitted up for the use of the girls. Once each week each child receives a bath.

We visited the dining rooms where the tables were laid for dinner. How pretty they looked, with the nice red table cloths, checked napkins, and white dishes. The tables and seats are graduated in height—low tables and chairs for the little ones. On these, instead of napkins, were baskets of freshly ironed bibs.

The play rooms for those too young to attend school came in for a share of our attention. Here was a host of little girls at play. The moment we entered the room they clustered about Mrs. DeMotte as they would about their mother, holding her hands and clinging to her dress. All kinds of toys are here for their amusement. I could but notice two little tots with a string, busy playing "cat's cradle," who ran for Mrs. DeMotte to play with them, and how their eyes shone when she did. We also visited a similar room for the little boys, where they have their toys of all kinds. An attendant is in these rooms at all times during play hours.

We glanced into the dining room for the employees, of whom there are forty-three (43.) This is a very pleasant room, neatly fitted up, and made bright and home-like.

In the milk room we saw large cans of milk cooling. One hundred gallons of milk are used every day.

The baking is worthy of notice. Here great piles of light,

fluffy dough was first being molded into loaves weighing three pounds each. Was told the number of such loaves baked each day was one hundred and ninety. Scores of large pans were there filled with cookies, ready for the oven. This oven is immense, having a capacity for probably five hundred or more loaves. Seventy-five pies are required, when pie is given the children for dinner. This is not done every day, as their desert is varied. The day of my visit they each had for desert a generous slice of delicious looking gingerbread.

I was much interested in looking through the kitchen, which is furnished with every possible convenience for roasting, steaming, or whatever one wished to do. There are large cauldrons for cooking vegetables. One was filled with beans ready for the dinner table. I asked how many they cooked for a meal. The answer was, "Five pecks." One hundred heads of cabbage are required for a dinner. Mrs. DeMotte told me they had ordered one hundred dozen eggs for Easter. In the kitchen, as elsewhere, everything was scrupulously neat and clean.

A visit to the laundry found a busy scene. The room is fitted up with every convenience for laundry work. The room for ironing is just above the laundry room. There we found every appliance for the work. And as I looked at the great piles of bibs, napkins, table cloths and clothing just sent up from the laundry, I thought I should want more than one mangle run by steam. Around the room is suitable tables, where the girls are taught to iron. Dr. and Mrs. DeMotte both believe there is no kindness in keeping the children there in idleness until the age of fourteen, and then sending them out into the world perfectly ignorant regarding all kinds of work. So the older ones have their work to do. The girls are taught to sweep, dust, make beds, sew, darn stockings, iron, etc., while the boys have their duties also. They wait on the tables, assist in clearing them off, and wash dishes and other work which they can do.

We visited the new chapel, which is a beautiful room. The large platform is seated with chairs, the body of the room with graduated seats. They have a pipe organ, presided over by Mrs.

DeMotte. A recent addition to the furnishing of the chapel is a fine upright piano, which was presented to the Home last Christmas by Abraham Lincoln Corps No. 108, of Chicago. Miss Clara DeMott presides at the piano. In this room they hold their Sabbath School, also services Sabbath afternoon, and here they meet Monday evening for Chapel exercises. Here, also, they have their entertainments, at which, in addition to the music of the organ and piano, they have the violin, played by Dr. DeMotte. Every holiday is kept with appropriate exercises.

The dormitories must not be overlooked. These are in the third and fourth stories, and looked very inviting with their rows of neat white beds. These beds are furnished with springs, mattresses, sheets, blankets, pillows and white spreads. I noticed the halls on each floor were provided with buckets and hand grenades for use in case of fire. This, however, is well guarded against, as a faithful watchman patrols the building during the night.

Leaving the dormitories we passed to the Library, on the first floor. I was much interested in this. The room is neatly furnished, seated with chairs, and contains several large book cases. There are twenty-five hundred (2500) volumes in the library. On the tables were a number of magazines, including "Baby Land," "Our Boys and Girls," "St. Nicholas," "Harper's Young People," and others; also many papers, all good, pure reading for boys and girls. Here the older pupils come evenings and read. They are also allowed to read here at all hours Sunday, except those given to Sabbath school and chapel service. Dr. or Mrs. DeMott are always in the library during reading hours, and under their supervision the children are taught to love reading. They are not allowed to read a few lines or pages in a book, then toss it aside and take another. If they take a book, as they sometimes do, say "I don't like that book," they are told to go to the book case, select one they do like and finish reading it before taking another. This I thought an excellent plan, as it teaches them the habit of consecutive reading. The hour in the library is prized very highly by the older children, and the prohibition of that enjoyment is

considered a severe punishment.

The State makes an appropriation especially for the library, which is certainly a wise measure, as a love of good books is surely a safe guard to any boy or girl.

After leaving the library I heard the children singing as only light-hearted, happy children can sing. Upon inquiry was told they were forming into line to march into the dining hall. While thus forming they are allowed to sing if they wish, and from the volume of song that reached our ears I thought they were enjoying that privilege very much.

Having a desire to see them enter the Dining Hall we passed into that room.

Standing by the tables were the waiter boys in neat white aprons. The children came in single file, the older ones first. These passed to the rear of the room, where the highest tables were. As the requisite number filed around a table they were seated and quietly waited until all had passed in and taken seats. At a signal each child takes its napkin or bib. A signal is given and the boys help the plates. When all have been served a signal is given, and they commence eating. This is a very busy time with each one. Loud or boisterous talking is not allowed, though they are permitted to talk in a low tone.

Adjoining the dining hall is the room for washing dishes. The room is well arranged for the work and is spotless.

The building throughout is fitted up admirably, and I am sure our State is doing a grand work in thus caring for the children of those who, when our country was in peril, counted not life itself dear, but for love of country and the dear old flag, marched to the front, endured hardship and suffering, and came not back until the old flag, in all its pride and beauty, with no star dimmed or blotted out, again floated in triumph from lake to gulf.

In regard to the management, I have no words to express my admiration.

Kindness and love are the controlling influences there. A visit to the Home will speedily convince any person that Dr and Mrs. DeMotte possess the love of the children.

It beams forth in the kindling eyes and bright smiles with

which they are greeted everywhere, and in the eagerness with which they cluster about them.

I could but think of the influence they were exerting over these children, an influence which is for their highest good.

As the impressions made in early life are most lasting, so the instructions these children are receiving under their fostering care will cling to them through all the coming years of life, and their influence will go out in ever widening circles until it reaches the shores of the eternal world. The sculptor chisels from the block of marble an image of symmetry and beauty; the painter throws upon the canvas scenes that delight the eye, and we gaze upon them in wonder and admiration. The marble will crumble into dust, the painting fade and no longer remain a thing of beauty, but Dr. and Mrs. DeMotte are writing upon human hearts and minds impressions of truth and nobility of character, which will be lasting as life itself, aye, which even the cold finger of death can not obliterate.

Some one has said :

"God's angels drop like grains of gold
Our duties mid life's shining sand,
And from them one by one we mould
Our own bright crowns with patient hands;
From dust and dross we gather them,
We toil and stoop for life's sweet sake,
To find each worthy act a gem
Which we may daily richer make."

Surely Dr. and Mrs. Demotte are, by deeds of love and kindness, moulding for themselves crowns which will be decked with many gems. I can only say God bless them in their noble work, and may they be spared to many years of usefulness, and when their life work is done, hear the voice of Him whom they have served saying "Well done."

And now, in conclusion, one word to you, ladies, of the Department of Illinois, Woman's Relief Corps :

There are some things we may do to show our appreciation of this good work. While the State furnishes everything to make the children comfortable we can, by little gifts, show that we are in sympathy with this noble charity. A good book for

the library, a year's subscription for some good magazine suitable for children, toys for the little ones, or the money to procure these, will always be welcome and appreciated.

Let us do what we can in this noble work, thereby assisting in making of these hitherto homeless children intelligent, true and loyal citizens for our proud State of Illinois.

Submitted in F., C. and L..

ELLA COBEAN,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON "FLAG BILL."

MRS. MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN, Department Secretary
W. R. C., Palestine, Ill.

DEAR MADAM We, the committee appointed by Department President to complete the work of presenting a bill to the Legislature of Illinois, respectfully beg to submit the following report. Receiving our appointment on the 13th of June, and realizing from the outstart there was work, yes, hard work to be done, we buckled on our armor and commenced the siege firmly determined to "fight it out on that line if it took all summer." We obtained the opinion of Attorney General Hunt, that there was nothing in the Constitution to prohibit such a measure nor any law that would conflict. We then proceeded to draft a bill that would embrace all the desired points and at the same time present as few objectionable features to the legislators as possible. Failing, even with the assistance of some legal friends, to produce a bill that was entirely satisfactory, we concluded to procure copies of "Flag Bills" adopted by neighboring States. We accordingly sent to Wisconsin and Iowa and obtained copies of their laws. The replies we received from the Secretaries of State were prompt and kind, sending the bills with good wishes for our success.

After studying these many times and failing to find some of our most important features, we decided each member of the committee should draw up a bill containing what she considered were the proper and essential points desired by the Convention. From these the chairmann to form a bill by consolidating the three. This was done and, with the slight change made by our friends in the House, of which we shall speak farther on, it was as presented.

A BILL.

For an act to require the United States flag to be placed in all schools within the State of Illinois and providing that patriotic music be sung and instructions in patriotism and loyalty to the country be taught therein

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in General Assembly,* That from after the first day of July, 1891, every school within the State of Illinois shall have placed and kept in a conspicuous position in each department thereof at least one United States flag of standard bunting, not less than three by five (3x5) feet in size to comply with the law.

SEC. 2. Every teacher in these schools shall at least twice a week give lessons in the history of the flag and lessons in patriotism and loyalty to the country; and every school that has music therein shall at least twice a week have sung by the scholars of such school some well known national songs such as "America," "Red, White and Blue" or "Star Spangled Banner."

SEC. 3. It is hereby made the duty of school boards, trustees, professors, superintendents and teachers to see that this law is fully complied with, and any member of board of directors, or of any board of trustees, or any professor, superintendent or teacher who shall neglect or fail to comply with this shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and may be punished accordingly.

The routine work had now been accomplished, but much earnest, cautious labor still remained. We worked and talked "Flag" on our journey to the Eighth National Convention, and as a result of that trip we have one of our truest, staunchest friends in the present Commander of U. S. Grant Post, No. 28, Chicago. Two of your committee held a meeting in Illinois Headquarters in Boston, talked over what had been done, and mapped out our work for the future.

On our return home inspection confronted us; but realizing the truth of the adage, "the most unsought for means often help us the best," we started out with stars and stripes ever before us. The political campaign was at its height. Candidates were on every train coming or going to some rally or meeting. Knowing so well there could be *no* shame in supporting the glorious banner, we talked for our measure to all candidates we met, irrespective of party, asked their assistance and support, and we are happy to tell you we were never re-

fused in a single instance (but let me add in parenthesis that was before election). The bill as was drawn up was taken to Hon. J. A. Brown, Representative from Piatt County, and he was asked to present it at the earliest opportunity after the Legislature convened. Mr. Brown being an old soldier himself and heartily in favor of all patriotic measures, gladly consented to be our champion, and ladies, he did his duty nobly, for the second week after the session opened our bill was presented. This was on the 14th of January, and in his statement in regard to the bill Mr. Brown told the House it was "a measure drawn up by the women and presented in the name of the Woman's Relief Corps, one of the grandest organizations in existence."

It of course appears on the calendar as House Bill, No. 78, although known to the members as "the Woman's Relief Corps Flag Bill." The only change from the original draft is the addition of Section 2, which was added at the suggestion of friends of the bill in the House, and with the consent of the committee. After the bill had been printed we decided it would be well for each Corps to petition its members to support the bill and urge its passage. Accordingly, after receiving the endorsement of the Department President, these petitions were sent out. Notwithstanding many think petitions are but a waste of time and paper, in this case we are glad to tell you they at least caused the members to study up the bill, as we told Mr. Brown was the most sought for member of the House at that time.

PETITION TO THE THIRTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

To the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature Assembled.

We, the undersigned members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps and other loyal persons of District No. — of the State of Illinois respectfully request your honorable bodies to urge the passage of the "*Relief Corps Flag Bill*," presented on January 14th by J. A. Brown, and known as House Bill — 78, securing to the schools of Illinois an American Flag and providing for teachings of patriotism and loyalty to our country.

We have written 162 letters in regard to the bill, seventy-two to members of the the house, from thirty of whom we have received replies. Have copied the the bill twenty-three times, received four telegrams and sent replies.

In every instance we have received the most polite and courteous treatment.

We must not omit a message of good cheer from our sister State across the river. When everything seemed dark and we were almost ready to despair, a ray of light reached us from Missouri in the form of a message from C. A. Riffon congratulating us on our measure and "the success that seemed so near." We were encouraged, and with Longfellow's poem still in mind:

"Behind the clouds is the sun still shining,
Some days must be dark and dreary."

We were ready to again pick up our staff and plod onward.

Ladies, we were in hopes we would be able to tell you our bill was a law; unfortunately we cannot, but assure you it is through no fault of your committee. Do not let the work rest here but strive for it. Remember that "education and liberty go hand in hand," and that "the price of liberty is eternal vigilance," so do no wait for the committee to do your work, but each and every one labor for our glorious banner.

The only criticism we heard or saw during our working was a communication in a city paper "that our dear old flag would lose a portion of its freedom if compelled by law to float from the school house." Ladies, we have the utmost contempt for such an article and for such a person. We would like to interview the writer and find out how long "our dear old flag" would be free if patriotism and loyalty were not taught our children in our schools as well as at home? We cannot help but think if the writer of that article was ever in the war he certainly must have been in the rear ranks.

Then let us move onward. Women of the Relief Corps! Mothers of families, look to your home circles, see that the stars and stripes occupy a prominent place in your homes, that patriotism and loyalty are familiar topics in your home

life. The strongest hold that liberty has is the character, manhood and self-reliance of our American people. Then how shall we control and strengthen the character of our children? By instilling in their minds the pride of country; teaching them the blood of heroes courses through their veins; that to them has been bequeathed the duty of upholding and supporting the grandest government on the face of the earth. then we will have a race that our heroes will welcome.

If we do not succeed this time do not let it drop but push ahead, next session and next, and we are sure we will succeed. You know there is a true saying, "constant dropping will wear away the hardest rock," so remember we are working for the perpetuity of our government, for the future of our children and strive ahead.

We firmly believe there should be but one flag for this nation and that the glorious banner

"For whose every stripe of ruby hue,
Whose every star on the field of blue,
Ten thousand of our brave and true,
Have laid them down and died."

We believe a flag should wave from every school house in the land. We will be successful in the end, and triumph we must, for our cause it is just, and the star spangled banner in triumph shall wave o'er the land of the free and the schools of the brave.

In F., C. and L.

FLO JAMISON MILLER,
SALLIE J. STEELE,
MARILLA WARD.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO FURTHER RESOLUTION NO. 9 OF
SEVENTH DEPARTMENT CONVENTION.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April, 1891.

MRS. DELILAH A. LEARERTON, President of the Department of
Illinois W. R. C., Palestine, Ill.

DEAR MADAM:—Thanking you for the confidence reposed in us, your committee to further the resolution passed by the Seventh Department Convention in session at Quincy, Ill., we beg you to receive this, our report, attempted but not accomplished.

We say not accomplished for the following reasons: First, the resolution itself was faulty, that we, or rather it, had the appearance of dictating to the Grand Army its duty regarding the orphans at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Normal, which appears in the report of the G. A. R. committee on Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, whose report recommends that the children be permitted to remain two years longer at the Home to be taught manual training, etc. (See proceedings Department Encampment, Twenty-Fourth Annual). Secondly, the resolution (see resolution in the Seventh Annual Convention W. R. C.) was based upon the supposition, first, that the report G. A. R., would be carried out by bringing the subject before the Thirty-seventh General Assembly of Illinois, and secondly, that the report as above, referred to the "children" as boys only, hence any action on our part independent of the G. A. R. would indicate a lack of confidence in the committee, which we did not feel, neither did the W. R. C.

We, knowing full well the unbounded confidence the Department W. R. C. has in the G. A. R., to which it is auxiliary, and desiring to attest our allegiance to and confidence in it, deferred taking any aggressive steps regarding this resolution by issuing a petition to the Corps, feeling that if, after a

bill was presented by the G. A. R. to the General Assembly regarding the matter and we found that the boys only were meant, then our work would be easily accomplished by a gentle reminder to please everybody, the "same fostering care to the girls" as well and permit them to participate in some ennobling and elevating employment.

We therefore wrote to the Commander of the Department G. A. R., Colonel W. L. Distin, to be further instructed in what should be our duty, and in the meantime be ready for any emergency which might arise. A prompt reply from Mr. Distin referred us to the chairman of the committee, G. A. R., F. C. Vierling. We wrote to him to instruct us, and awaiting his reply we found, first, the law governing the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home would have to be amended to read 16 years instead of 14, etc.

Second, that it would require an increased appropriation, not only to retain them the extra two years and fit out a manual training school, but an enlargement of the buildings of the Home, for it is at present overflowing, and many children are awaiting to enter by the retirement of the older ones whose time has expired.

Third, that the Secretary of Public Charities, W. T. Wines, is opposed to the entire measure, and it were well to have his co-operation in such a measure, and this might not be readily accomplished. Although he wishes that which could result for the orphans present and future temporal as well as spiritual.

Fourth, in conversing with many of the members, especially soldiers, all seemed in favor of something being done as above but many doubted that it could be accomplished this session, but added that this might be an entering wedge should the endeavor fail of success.

You will therefore see from the above why we call it unsuccessful. But though a cloud seems to envelope the measure now, there may be very bright sunshine behind it. It may result in an independent movement by the Department G. A. R. and W. R. C. of establishing such a school to accom-

plish the results we so ardently wish for as "the twig is bent, the tree is inclined," and that our soldiers' children shall have the same care and thought bestowed upon them as we would our own, that they might be as the polished corner stones and grow in knowledge and wisdom, be better men and women, better citizens and better Christians.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

MISS JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND.

FLORA JAMISON MILLER.

MRS. JENNIE B. HOWISON.

REPORT OF THE G. A. R. COMMITTEE ON SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME.

To William L. Distin, Commander, and Comrades of the Department of Illinois.

Your committee on the Soldiers' Orphans' Home have the honor to report that they have accomplished all that was promised you at the last Encampment, and that was to make the children at the Home happier, and, if possible, incite them to a noble ambition to make themselves good men and women, worthy successors to their heroic fathers who gave their lives that the nation might live.

The Home has at present 424 children: 247 boys and 177 girls with about fifty applications for admission which the Trustees have not passed upon, but will on Thursday of this week and may admit about forty of that number. The Home will accomodate about 600. There has been no serious sickness during the year and only one death since our last encampment, and that a constitutional case of heart disease. Providence has blessed the labors of our noble comrade, Dr. H. C. DeMotte and his worthy wife, both of whom are unceasing in their efforts to keep the children clean, well fed, properly educated and well exercised.

The doctor regards the children as his own, and is so familiar with them that he knows all their pet names as well as their full names, and has a peculiar whistle (somewhat after our Comrade McNulta's) that the boys hear afar off and obey as old soldiers. This is used only when the boys fight, smoke,

chew tobacco or do something of which they know the Doctor does not approve. May we say here that Comrade DeMotte has never used the rod to correct any child since he has been at the Home, honestly believing that he does and can accomplish better results by gentle reprimand. Comrades, please visit the Home and be convinced that the children are well cared for and will make good men and women.

Your committee secured from the national government flower and other seeds as recommended in our last report, but owing to the terrible drought last summer, the children were not so successful as might have been, though for part of the season the Home had plenty of green corn, small vegetables and sufficient blooming flowers.

The Trustees have asked the Legislature in addition to the regular appropriations for about \$11,000 for electric light, root cellar and propagating house.

Your committee have had two bills prepared which will be introduced in the present Legislature for the establishment of manual training schools and amending the law so that the age at which children are discharged shall be sixteen instead of fourteen years as at present.

Your committee wish to thank the noble Women of Abraham Lincoln Woman's Relief Corps, No. 108, of Chicago, for their grand gift to the home of an upright piano and three large boxes of useful toys last Christmas, and to various Posts and Corps throughout the State for gifts of candy, toys and books.

We also report that we have devised a plan with the superintendent, Dr. DeMotte, to award the Grand Army of the Republic prizes in June of each year and to be about as follows: \$60 in six prizes of \$10 cash each for the best scholarship average for the year past for boys and girls over ten years of age to be issued in a certificate and payable when they leave the Home; and eight of \$5 each for the best deportment average for children under ten years of age to be payable in like manner.

The superintendent and your committee believing that it

will be much better to give a boy or girl a little capital to start with than a medal.

Your committee will try to arrange that on Friday afternoon, a train will leave Decatur for the Home and return the same evening so that Comrades can in a measure realize the noble and grand work being accomplished at this place.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

PETITION TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

To the members of Senate and House Committees of the Thirty-seventh General Assembly, at Springfield, Ill., 1891 to act on the Soldiers' Orphans' Home, greeting.

GENTLEMEN:—The Grand Army of the Republic, at the Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment at Quincy, Ill., March 12-13, 1890, endorsed the following report of its committee on Soldiers' and Orphans' Home at Normal, as:

Your committee would respectfully report that they concur in the belief that the children should be kept until they are sixteen years of age, instead of, as at present, being dismissed at fourteen years, and that the last two years be spent in a manual training school, which could be established with little expense to the State, and might be somewhat after the style of Home at Xenia, Ohio. Where in addition to learning useful trades, they are taught landscape gardening, and the boys are instructed how to plant and grow the the most beautiful flowers. * *

* * * The children are now anxious to excel each other, but we believe this would awaken an ambition worthy of their noble fathers.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

F. C. VIERLING.

B. F. FUNK,

D. J. BLOCK,

WILLIAM AVERY,

R. B. STINSON.

The Woman's Relief Corps, desiring to assist in all laudable enterprises of the Grand Army, and further desiring to emphasize the report of the G. A. R. committee, passed the following resolution in convention assembled at Quincy, March 12-14, 1890, to-wit:

Whereas, The Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of Illinois G. A. R. assembled, did unanimously adopt the report of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home Committee, favoring the keeping of the children at the Home until they are sixteen years of age, instead of fourteen as now allowed, and the last two years be devoted to man-

ual training so that they may go out into the world better fitted to meet its trials and struggles; and

Whereas, We, the Woman's Relief Corps, now assembled, believe that the girls should be allowed the same favoring prospects as the boys so that they may be fitted for a higher position than a menial one. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Woman's Relief Corps of the State of Illinois use all honorable means in the furtherance of this end, and that a committee be appointed for this purpose, to prepare a petition to present to all Corps in this State, and when the Legislature is in session, to present resolutions with petitions to the same body at an early day of the session.

Yours in F., C. and L.

MISS JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND,
MRS. J. B. HOWISON.

PETITION OF COMMITTEE.

We, the committee appointed by the Department President W. R. C., Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton, to act on the above resolution, deem it unwise and unnecessary to annoy you with petitions from the several Corps, but simply, and in a few words bring this subject to your honorable attention, praying your earnest and favorable attention and consideration, thereto.

"To care for him who hath born the battle, his widow and orphans," was a charge handed down to us by our martyred President Lincoln. Let us faithfully discharge the trust.

JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND,
MRS. ISABELLA HOWISON,
MRS. FLO MILLER.

REPORT OF MONUMENT COMMITTEE.

MRS. PRESIDENT, and members of the Eighth Department Convention.

LADIES:—The committee appointed by Department President through General Order No. 3, to carry out the will of the Seventh Department Convention, as expressed by the adoption of Resolution No. 7, as follows:

Resolution No. 7, presented adopted at the Seventh Department Convention is as follows:

Whereas, Mrs. Lippencott, Matron of the Soldiers' and Sailors Home, at Quincy, Ill., has expressed it as her conviction that the gift expressly desired by the Home, is a Memorial to the Dead Therefore

Resolved, That this Department of the W. R. C. take as a special work for this year, the erection of a suitable monument to the dead at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy, Ill., and that a committee be appointed by the Department President to obtain estimate of probable cost, and arrange plans for collection of funds for the same.

The following committee was appointed: Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, Corps No. 32; Mrs. Salome F. Wilson, Corps No. 118; Mrs. Eugenia Follensbee, Corps No. 47.

Respectfully submit their report.

Receiving General Order No. 3 near the middle of June, we decided to wait until after the National Convention before taking steps to perform the work entrusted to us, as we felt that in a measure we were like the children of Israel, when in bondage they were compelled to "make brick without straw." The Convention not having intimated how much money should be expended in the erection of said monument. Two members of the committee expected to attend the National Convention in Boston, and it was decided they should there and in the region around about examine the monuments already erected, study designs and ascertain costs, so this committee might come to an understanding as to how much money the Department of Illinois ought to expend. However,

"The best laid plans of mice and men
Gang oft a'glee"

As Burns says, and but one of the committee (Mrs. Follensbee) was fortunate enough to be permitted to attend the National Convention, but while there inspected soldiers' monuments and ascertained their cost.

After hearing her report the committee were a unit in the opinion that the Woman's Relief Corps of the great State of Illinois—a state that gave to this nation in her time of need, a Lincoln, a Grant and a Logan—would not wish to erect a monument at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, to cost less than \$2,500 in memory of the brave men whom these great Generals led to victory.

It was specified in the resolution that the committee were to "obtain estimate of probable cost, and arrange plans for collection of funds for the same." What to do we could not tell, but after consultation with comrades of the G. A. R., we determined if sanctioned by the Department President to call upon each Corps (through General Order or circular letter) to contribute at the rate of 50 cents per member, which would it was estimated bring into the treasury the required amount. We felt justified in so doing as we found this the course pursued by that noble band of patriots, whose auxiliary we are, when they have a special work to perform.

And is not this the plan for raising the funds for the National Hall, of which not only Decatur, but the nation will be proud? The committee of the G. A. R. not only call but urge the payment by each Post of a sum that will represent 50 cents per member, raising the money as they see fit—as the Corps are allowed to do.

While some Corps responded cheerfully to circular No. 4, some immediately began to make excuse, like those of old who were bidden to the marriage feast, some of these, too, who had representatives in the Seventh Department Convention—who did not raise their voice in opposition to that resolution and who must have voted for it or it would not have been adopted.

And just here I beg your indulgence for a little digression.

It has been truthfully said, "Experience keeps a good school but the tuition is high." It is very easy for the representatives of the different Corps to sit in Convention assembled and vote a resolution through, while it is quite a different thing when they have reached home to put their hand in their pocket in order to carry that resolution into effect. Department Conventions are Department law makers. It is one thing for Corps to choose representatives to Department Convention, thereby expressing their confidence in their ability to legislate wisely, and quite another for the Corps, earnestly, to carry out such legislation.

But to resume: As to material and designs the committee took no action, leaving that till near the close of the year, feeling that the Corps would respond quickly because the undertaking was ordered by the Department Convention; and also because the framer of the resolution was a member of the committee and assured us that it was the intent of the resolution was that the work be done this year, hence we sent a request to Department President that she, with the consent of her council, authorize the committee to go forward and make the contract (we did not specify in our request that we would not let the contract unless sufficient funds be guaranteed, as we should have done), and if permission be given (which we hardly expected, as the request was so late in reaching headquarters; the first paper, prepared early in December, having been lost by "Uncle Sam's" agents). The committee would then have held a meeting and considered these points. No meeting was held, but the work of the committee has been carried on entirely by correspondence; the bill for postage being \$2.25, which we ask you to allow.

Corps nearly all failed to give the number of members when notifying the chairman of their action. Pawnee, Englewood, Lincoln an and Taylorville being the exceptions.

The following is a list of Corps that took action and sent notification:

Centralia, Corps No. 93
Lincoln, Corps No. 118
Rockford, Corps No. 1

Paris, Corps No. 87
Quincy, Corps No. 47
Arrington, Corps No. 122

Oregon, Corps No. 132	Plano, Corps No. 113
Brighton Park, Corps No. 73	Engledwood, Corps No. 136
Galva, Corps No. 19	Buda, Corps No. 126
Taylorville, Corps No. 110	Mendell, Corps No. 89

Vermont, one of the new Corps, said if not enough was raised this year they would do something next year.

Wallace Corps, of Centralia, the first one to respond to Circular No. 4, pledging 50 cents per member, recently notified the chairman that "since their action they had been thinking over the matter and decided to order their delegate recall their decision."

Some other Corps have notified the chairman they were willing to contribute something but could not 50 cents per member, but did not specify how much they could give.

The amount deposited with the Treasurer as requested by Circular No. 4 is as follows.

Rockford, No. 1	\$50.00
John Wood, No. 47	35.50
Augusta, No. 32	5.00
Buda, No. 126	5.00
Springfield, No. 89	2.00
Springfield, No. 17	15.00
Brooklyn No. 162	2.00
Galesburg, No. 121	10.00
Galva No. 19	6.00
Oregon, No. 132	10.00
Plano, No. 113	10.00
Pawnee, No. 129	8.00
Arcola, No. 54	4.45
Minier, No. 135	5.00
Brighton Park, No. 73	18.00
Gardner, No. 36	2.00
Oquawka, No. 50	10.00
Armington, ...	2.00
Englewood	3.00
Mrs Stetsel, Pecatonioa, No. 33	50

Total in Treasury... \$203.45

Lincoln, No. 118, has pledged \$15.

Taylorville, No. 110, has pledged \$16.50.

We are fully committed to the belief that "bread for the living is of infinitely more importance than a bouquet for the dead," and committee have personally no interest in this matter, except as members of this grand organization we strive to carry out the will of our Department Convention; we would

therefore go forward asking each representative in this Convention to see to it that the Corps she represents fully understand and work for this object.

We also recommend that this monument be made a memorial not only to those who die at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, but to those whose resting place must ever be unknown, and that each Corps send the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home each Memorial Day the sum they would otherwise expend at Home in preparing a testimonial to the Unknown, to be placed upon this monument.

Believing that the importance of this undertaking demands it, we further recommend that the committee consist of five (5) instead of three (3) members.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

SARAH M. BRADFORD.

SALOME F. WILSON.

REPORT OF SPECIAL RELIEF COMMITTEE.

MRS. MARTHA L. MARTIN, Department Secretary Illinois W. R. C., Auxiliary to G. A. R.

DEAR MADAM:—At the Seventh Annual Convention of the Department of Illinois W. R. C., the case of a comrade in South Dakota, asking for aid was referred to this committee.

We now submit to you, and through you to the Department President and the members of our order, our report in the case.

Returning to our homes about the middle of March, and carefully perusing the letter from him handed to us the need of prompt action forced itself upon us, for to be of any value to him seed grain must be furnished almost immediately, and yet in justice to the members throughout the State from whom we were to ask assistance, we must first investigate the case and have some proof of his circumstances, and that he was a Union Veteran, other than his own story, to save them and ourselves from possible censure hereafter.

His earnest entreaties that his appeal for aid should be kept strictly private hampered us somewhat, as we hardly knew how to investigate the case without making public to some extent his sad story. After consulting Department President, Mrs. D. A. Leaverton, we resolved to address a carefully worded letter to a government official, telling him we had been informed there was a veteran near him in destitute circumstances, and asking for any information he could give in the case.

The gentleman, who proved to be a comrade of the G. A. R., promptly replied, saying there was a farmer near there by the name given, but he hardly thought he was in destitute circumstances as he had lately told him he had seventy-five bushels of potatoes in his cellar, also contradicting several other statements made by the first party.

Those who heard the letter read will remember that applicant claimed to be in destitute circumstances, stating that he had lost his high-bred horses, a span of mules, a building, his farming tools and his furniture by fire, that he carried five wounds received in the service of his country, that his health was broken down, his eyesight destroyed, was reduced to old clothing patched with old bags, and his wife obliged to gather cow-chips for fuel and other distressing circumstances. A sad case, indeed, if true.

The replies to our letters of inquiry stated that if this applicant carried wounds received in war service, it was not known; that he seemed strong and rugged; was a painter by trade and worked considerable at his trade; did not think him in destitute circumstances; had not been burned out, but a sister had lost her claim dwelling by fire some time before; that the Post there was ready and willing to help him if he needed aid.

Meantime, we were corresponding with our applicant, though he was indignant that we should know of his appeal, saying he had been assured by the National President that she would keep the matter private. He wanted us to send him \$25 or \$30 immediately, as he had nothing to live on but a few potatoes and a little flour. But before we got through with the correspondence we learned that he had two and a quarter sections of land, upon which there was a small mortgage, had a team of horses, a yoke of oxen, two cows, one pig, thirty-five hens, seed for his spring planting furnished by State Commissioners and County officials to all in need of it; machinery sufficient to run his farm, that his family consisted of a wife and babe less than a year old. He desired us not to mention his appeal for aid to any one, saying he would not have his proud spirited wife know it for anything, but still needed cash. We then wrote him that if he would send us a recommend from the G. A. R. Post near him we would send him the cash, whereupon he became positively rude and charged us with trying to make public what he had been promised would be kept strictly private.

At this point, the man now being provided with seed, and owing to having everything else necessary to keep him till after harvest time, except cash, we decided to drop the case and allow you to keep your Relief Fund for far more needy cases nearer home.

Realizing more fully than ever before the necessity of making a full investigation in the case of each appeal to us for aid, and earnestly hoping that we have done no one, and particularly an old soldier, any injustice, we remain

Yours in F., C. and L.

MARY A. BRADLEY,
MARY BALLINGER,
MARILLA WARD,
MARY YOST,
VESTA CADWALDER.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

RAVENSWOOD, Ill., April 14, 1891.

MRS. MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN, Department Secretary
W. R. C.

I have the honor to submit the following report of the committee appointed by Department President to procure a suitable testimonial to present to Department of Illinois Grand Army of the Republic on the occasion of their twenty-fifth anniversary. The following Corps have responded:

Corps No. 1.....	\$ 2.00
Corps No. 2.....	1.00
Corps No. 3.....	1.00
Corps No. 4.....	2.00
Corps No. 5.....	2.00
Corps No. 6.....	1.00
Corps No. 7.....	1.00
Corps No. 9.....	1.00
Corps No. 10.....	1.00
Corps No. 12.....	1.00
Corps No. 14.....	1.00
Corps No. 15.....	1.00
Corps No. 16.....	1.00
Corps No. 17.....	1.00
Corps No. 18.....	1.00
Corps No. 19.....	1.00
Corps No. 20.....	1.00
Corps No. 21.....	1.00
Corps No. 22.....	1.00
Corps No. 24.....	1.00
Corps No. 25.....	1.00
Corps No. 26.....	50
Corps No. 28.....	1.00
Corps No. 31.....	50
Corps No. 32.....	1.00
Corps No. 33.....	2.00
Corps No. 35.....	1.00
Corps No. 36.....	1.00
Corps No. 39.....	1.00
Corps No. 40.....	50
Corps No. 42.....	1.00
Corps No. 43.....	1.00
Corps No. 44.....	1.00
Corps No. 47.....	1.00

Corps No. 48	25
Corps No. 49	25
Corps No. 50	1.00
Corps No. 52	1.00
Corps No. 54	1.00
Corps No. 58	50
Corps No. 59	1.00
Corps No. 60	50
Corps No. 62	1.00
Corps No. 63	1.00
Corps No. 64	2.00
Corps No. 65	1.00
Corps No. 66	1.00
Corps No. 68	1.00
Corps No. 69	1.00
Corps No. 70	1.00
Corps No. 73	1.00
Corps No. 76	1.00
Corps No. 77	50
Corps No. 78	1.00
Corps No. 81	2.10
Corps No. 82	1.00
Corps No. 83	1.00
Corps No. 84	50
Corps No. 85	1.00
Corps No. 87	1.00
Corps No. 88	1.00
Corps No. 89	1.00
Corps No. 91	1.00
Corps No. 92	2.00
Corps No. 93	1.00
Corps No. 94	1.00
Corps No. 95	1.00
Corps No. 96	1.00
Corps No. 97	1.00
Corps No. 99	1.00
Corps No. 100	1.00
Corps No. 108	5.00
Corps No. 109	1.00
Corps No. 110	1.00
Corps No. 113	1.00
Corps No. 116	1.00
Corps No. 117	1.00
Corps No. 118	1.00
Corps No. 119	1.00
Corps No. 120	1.00
Corps No. 121	1.00
Corps No. 122	50
Corps No. 123	1.00
Corps No. 126	1.00
Corps No. 127	1.00
Corps No. 128	1.00
Corps No. 129	1.00
Corps No. 131	1.00
Corps No. 132	1.00
Corps No. 133	1.00
Corps No. 134	1.00

Corps No. 135.....	1.00
Corps No. 136.....	1.00
Corps No. 139.....	50
Corps No. 140.....	1.00
Corps No. 141.....	2.00
Corps No. 142.....	1.00
Corps No. 143.....	1.00
Corps No. 144.....	1.00
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Corps No. 160.....	1.00
Corps No. 161.....	1.00
Corps No. 162.....	1.00
Corps No. 163.....	1.00
Tolono Corps.....	1.00
Vermont Corps.....	1.00
Columbia Corps.....	3.00
Whittier Corps.....	1.20
Mrs. John A. Logan.....	1.00
Mrs. General Moore, of Decatur.....	1.00
Mrs. Minnemyer, Corps No. 12.....	1.00
Mrs. Clara W. Harral, Corps No. 10.....	1.00
Mrs. E. T. Lippincott, Corps No. 66.....	50
Mrs. A. G. Murry, Corps No. 43.....	1.00
Mrs. Mary Bowra, Corps No. 108.....	25
Pekin.....	1.00
Soldiers' wives of Rockford.....	11.00
Mrs. Halen.....	25
Mrs. Sarah E. Keplinger, Corps No. 146.....	50
Mrs. Flo Miller, Corps No. 64.....	75
Mrs. Inez Bender, Corps No. 64.....	75
Mrs. Mary Ryder, Corps No. 64.....	25
Mrs. Lydia Bender, Corps No. 64.....	25
Mrs. Alice Walker, Corps No. 64.....	25
Mrs. Martha L. Martin, Corps No. 5.....	50
Miss Ada Carlton, Corps No. 7.....	25
Mrs. Mary McCauley, Corps No. 25.....	25
Margaret Damon, Corps No. 24.....	25
Marilla Ward, Corps No. 24.....	25
Sarah Way, Corps No. No. 24.....	25
Paxton, Corps, No 125.....	1.00
Mrs. Harrison, Corps No. 45.....	25
Mrs. Lizzie Hubbard, No. 10.....	50
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin.....	1.00
Mrs. Anna Morgan, No. 6.....	25
Amount received from W. R. C. Department Illinois.....	56.52

Total amount received from all sources.....\$210.32

EXPENSE.

Postage.....	\$ 7.62
Postal.....	1.25
Express.....	50
Envelopes.....	45
Paper.....	50
Total expense.....	\$10.32
Total amount received from all sources.....	\$210.32
Total expense.....	10.32
Amount expended for silver gavel.....	\$200.00

JULIA G. SINE,
MINNIE M. KYLE
LORRAINE J. PITKIN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

DECATUR, ILL., April 8, 1891.

RESOLUTION No. 1.

WHEREAS: The patriotic and enthusiastic women of our Order in Kansas have conceived the idea and taken advanced steps toward the location and erection of a National Grand Army of the Republic Memorial College, already chartered by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, for the higher education of the children of Union soldiers; and,

WHEREAS: This enterprise has already been endorsed by many Departments.

Resolved: That the Eighth Department Convention of Illinois W. R. C., now in session, give this enterprise their most hearty endorsement and recommend that the Corps of our State render such aid to this institution as they may be able from year to year, and at all times render special assistance to our comrades' children who aspire to a higher education than that of our public schools.

SUE A. SANDERS,
JENNIE B. HOWISON.

Approved by Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 2.

WHEREAS: The W. R. C. appreciate the kindly feeling manifested by every member of the G. A. R. by their desire to visit our convention; and,

WHEREAS: It is a pleasure and a duty for us to receive the committees sent officially from the G. A. R. Encampment, Therefore be it

Resolved: That in the future we receive no visitors who come here for the purpose of advertising anything they may have to sell; and be it further

Resolved: That we transact the business within the days named in General Orders, or call the Convention for more days so that the Delegates may prepare to stay and assist in important legislation.

SARAH M. BRADFORD,
ADA CARLTON.

Approved by Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 3.

WHEREAS: The representation in Department Convention, is now one in thirty; and,

WHEREAS: So large a body seems to delay business,

Resolved: That in the future the representation in this Department be one in fifty, each Corps of less number to be represented by their Presidents, Past Presidents and one delegate, and that the Corps pay the expenses of their delegates, thus enabling them to stay until the close of Convention and require their attendance at every session.

SARAH M. BRADFORD,
CLARA W. HARRAL.

Approved by Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 4.

Resolved: That we deem it best for the good of the order to refund half the expenses of all delegates in attendance at the National Convention convened at Boston, Mass., inasmuch as they were delayed two days through no fault of their own.

CAIRO DELEGATION, Corps No. 88.

Not approved by the Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 5.

As the State of Illinois has only seven delegates to the National Convention, therefore be it

Resolved: That this Department pay the expenses of all delegates in actual attendance at each session, as they will then feel in duty bound to remain through the Convention, thereby receiving the full benefit of the instructions there given.

CAIRO DELEGATION, Corps No. 88.

Not approved by Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 6.

Resolved: That that this Convention return a vote of thanks to Hon. J. A. Brown, for his kindness in presenting the "Relief Corps Flag Bill" to the Illinois Legislature, and his earnest work in its behalf, and that the Secretary be instructed to communicate the same in proper form.

MRS. FLO MILLER,
MRS. HELEN F. BRISTOL

Approved by Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 7.

Resolved: That the thanks of the W. R. C. are due and are hereby tendered Comrade Welley of E. C. Camp Post 168, of Bement, Ills.,

for his kindness in carrying the Department banner during the parade celebrating the Silver Anniversary.

I. J. BENDER
JENNIE B. HOWISON.

Approved by Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 8.

Resolved: That all Department officers whose expenses are paid by the Department shall attend each and every meeting of the Convention and those pertaining to the duties of their office from beginning to end, unless unavoidably prevented by illness after their arrival at place of Convention, otherwise expenses be forfeited.

J. P. CLEVELAND,
SARAH M. BRADFORD,

Approved by Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 9.

Resolved: That there shall not be less than three bondsmen for Department Treasurer, of which her husband shall not be one.

J. P. CLEVELAND,
SARAH M. BRADFORD.

Approved by Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 10.

WHEREAS: The heroic writers of our country, both men and women, are continually issuing volumes of patriotic history and interesting and valuable anecdotes of the late Rebellion, which at the present are of uncommon interest to the veterans, and which in coming time will be of inestimable value to the rising generations.

Resolved: That the Department of Illinois W. R. C., now in session, recommend the collection of such books to form libraries for our Grand Army halls.

SUE A. SANDERS,
SALLIE A. FISK,
HELEN F. BRISTOL,
JENNIE B. HOWISON.

Approved by committee.

RESOLUTION No. 11.

WHEREAS: There is not time to consider properly many of the resolutions offered in Convention, Therefore,

Resolved: That the Department President name the committee on resolutions in her last General Orders, and

Resolved: That the Resolutions as far as possible be sent to the chairman of that committee that she may acquaint herself with the

importance and constitutionality of the pending resolution, to bring it before the Convention and it be intelligibly legislated upon, and,

Resolved: That the resolutions be reported as far as possible to the Convention the first day for proper deliberation by the Representatives.

MISS CLEVELAND,
MRS. S. M. BRADFORD,
SUE A. SANDERS.

Approved by Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 12.

[Offered by Josephine P. Cleveland and endorsed by Mrs. S. M. Bradford.]

WHEREAS: There are continually calls for aid for the relief of soldiers' families outside the jurisdiction of any Grand Army Post or Womans' Relief Corps, and,

WHEREAS: The Department Relief Fund has not been adequate for such help, therefore be it

Resolved: That the per capita tax be returned to ten (10) cents per quarter, beginning with the third quarter, July, 1891.

Not approved by Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 13.

[Offered by Miss Josephine P. Cleveland.]

WHEREAS: The Department of Illinois has not suitable, if any, By-Laws for the proper transaction of work, *ad interim*, therefore

Resolved: That this Department have By-Laws for its future government, not conflicting, of course with the Rules and Regulations of the order, and,

Resolved: That a committee of five (5) be appointed by the incoming President of this Department to prepare such By-Laws and submit them first for inspection to Department President, then to the next Convention (or Department Council prior to Convention) for approval, after which to the National President for her approval, and

Resolved: That this committee be empowered to meet within six weeks after an early appointment at Department Headquarters for a period of time, not less than two days nor more than four days, at the expense of the Department. All bills audited and approved by the chairman only for faithful service rendered, and also,

Resolved: That the Department Secretary furnish to the chairman the Journal of the Department to obtain from it all information regarding the past, and lift therefrom all resolutions under which this Department is acting to embody them in the new By-Laws.

Not approved by Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 14.

WHEREAS: The committee appointed by Dunham Post No. 141 have secured the approval of the National Encampment, G. A. R., for the erection of a National Memorial Hall, at Decatur, Ill., the birth-place of the G. A. R., also the birth-place of the Department of Illinois W. R. C. and,

WHEREAS: The National Encampment, G. A. R., recommend voluntary contributions for the purpose, therefore be it

Resolved: That Dunham Relief Corps, No. 141 Department Illinois W. R. C., do hereby extend to the National Memorial Hall Committee our most earnest support in their efforts to raise funds for the National Memorial Hall, and pledge them our assistance in whatever way can be of most service to them.

Resolved: That a committee of one shall be appointed to convey to the committee these resolutions.

SALLIE J. STEELE.

Approved by Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 15.

WHEREAS: At the Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, convened at Boston, Mass., on August 13th and 14th, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, to-wit:

WHEREAS: The organization cannot exist longer than the lives of the soldiers' of the Union. Therefore, by the representatives and delegates assembled in the Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, be it

Resolved: That there shall be established by the order a National Memorial Hall, in which there shall be stored and preserved the official records of the Encampments, Departments and Posts, and the trophies of the war which belong to organizations and individuals, and

Resolved: That as the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic had its origin in the city of Decatur, it would appear proper and appropriate to erect such Memorial Hall at that place, it being near the center of population and easy of access from all points; and,

Resolved: That the Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic be, and is hereby, instructed to appoint a committee on Memorial Hall, whose duty it shall be to complete the organization of the proper corporation under the laws of Illinois, and to report the plans for the erection, management and permanent maintainance of such Memorial Hall.

Approved by Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 16.

The Encampment providing for the erection of said Memorial Hall by the contributions of the Comrades of the G. A. R., and,

WHEREAS: At the meeting of this Corps, held August 26, 1890, this Corps, by resolution pledged an earnest support to the National Memorial Hall Committee in their efforts to raise funds for the erection of the proposed Hall. Believing as we do that the erection of such a Temple is a matter of National importance, deserving of the hearty support and endorsement of every patriot, we would hereby express our earnest desire that the Woman's Relief Corps of the United States should be privileged to co operate with their comrades of the G. A. R. in this noble undertaking.

Resolved: That a copy of the Resolution of August 26, 1890, together with the action of this Corps be certified to by the Eight Annual Convention of the W. R. C. Department of Illinois, to convene the 8th inst., with an earnest recommendation that the Convention take such action as will secure for the Order a place in this patriotic undertaking, and as will give evidence to our comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, that the W. R. C. is in this matter, as well as in all others, by them approved, truly auxiliary.

To the Eighth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Illinois, assembled at Decatur:

By the authority and under the direction of Dunham W. R. C., Decatur, Ill., we beg leave to submit the foregoing papers for your consideration, and would hereby certify that paper No. 1 [Resolution No. 14] was adopted by said Corps at the regular meeting, held August 26, 1890. Also, that paper No. 2 [Resolution No. 15] was adopted by said Corps at the regular meeting, held on the 7th day of April, 1891, as shown by the records of the Corps, respectfully submitted.

MARY J. REAVIS.

Sec'y pro tem.

Approved by Committee.

MARY A. BRADLEY,

Pres. Corps No. 4.

RESOLUTION No. 17.

Ladies of W. R. C. of this Eighth Convention: I wish to renew the following resolutions offered by me at the Sixth Convention two years ago.

MRS. CARRIE TINKHAM,
President W. R. C. No. 69.

WHEREAS: The Woman's Relief Corps has shown its deep interest in, and ability to advance the interest of the G. A. R., and especially to care for the needy members of this honored body, and,

WHEREAS: The delegates in this Convention assembled will represent the Corps in all parts of the State, and are for this reason, well able to discuss the needs of the veterans of our late civil war, and,

WAEREAS: We have homes for old soldiers and homes and educational institutions for his orphan children, but no provisions have been made as yet for soldiers widows, aside from the charities of the local Corps; Therefore

Resolved: That we deem it an Imperative duty incumbent upon us to take steps toward providing asylums, or make some other arrangements that will furnish ample support for our soldiers' widows; and further,

Resolved: That the above preamble and resolution be presented to the Grand Army with the request that they take this matter into consideration and that we unite in pushing the enterprise to success.

Approved by Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 18.

WHEREAS: Our present system of electing officers for this Convention has been thoroughly tested and proven unsatisfactory; Therefore

Resolved: That a committee of three be appointed by the President elect within thirty days after adjournment of this Convention, whose duty it shall be to suggest a simpler and more efficient method (not inconsistent with R. and R) of conducting elections, and report to the next Department Convention, the first session of Convention.

SARAH M. BRADFORD,
MARY WHITNEY,
VESTA CADWALLADER.

Approved by Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 19.

Resolved: That this Eighth Annual W. R. C. Convention Department, of Illinois, extend to the trustees and members of the Baptist church, of Decatur, Ill., their most sincere thanks for the privileges of using their beautiful church during the session of Convention.

Approved by Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 20.

Resolved: That this Eighth Annual Convention, Department of Illinois W. R. C., can but feebly express in words their heartfelt appreciation of the untiring efforts of Dunham Post, No. 141; Dunham Corps, No. 4; the Woman's Club and the citizens in gen-

eral of this historic city in making the Quarto-Centennial anniversary of the organization of the G. A. R. a memorable event in the history of our country to which coming generations shall ever turn with pride.

Approved by Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 21.

Resolved; Inasmuch as Mrs. D. A. Leaverton has served us as President of our Department for the past three years in so able, courteous and conscientious a manner it gives us pleasure to hereby express our grateful recognition of the true principles that have ever characterized and guided her administration.

SUE A. SANDERS.
LIZZIE HUBBARD,
SALLIE A. FISK.
JENNIE B. HOWISON,
HELEN F. BRISTOL.

Approved by Committee.

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“ “	Ellen A. Brydges.
“ “	Carrie T. Becker.

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“ “	*Sarah C. Seger.

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“ “	Anna Eby.
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Delegate.

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“ “	*Sade Rowley.
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" "	Ella Scragg.
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*Dell A. Clark.
*Mary C. Ashmore.
*Amelia Tripp.

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Maggie J. Reed.
Melia Lawler.
H. E. Hester.

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Delegate.

*Lydia Drake

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Past President.....	Agnes Moody.
" "	F. A. Smith.
" "	Hittie Reed.

Delegate.

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" "	Anna E. C. Williams.

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Sarepla Keach.

Mary Wilson,
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Past President.....	*Jennie Bross.

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Amanda Thomas.
Almira Cooper.

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" "	*Mary J. Stadden.
" "	Esther Woods.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

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*Lida A. Oldroyd.
*Mary C. Freeman.

*Mary E. Springer.
E. Frank Nafew.
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Mary Boyle.

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Past Presidents	Abigail Hood.
“ “	Lulu Richmond.
“ “	Mollie Machler.
“ “	Elizabeth Bennett.

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Olive Wichoff	*Alma Hayes.
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Past President.....	Sarah A. Canfield.
“ “	Jennie Luddington.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

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*Rachel Farmer.

*Mrs. Kate Wilson.

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Corps Presidents	*Mary Powell.
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“ “	Martha St. Clair.

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Fannie Dike.

Mamie Thomas.

Emily Beckley.

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“ “	*Marilla Ward.
“ “	*Hattie Collier.

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*Mrs. Alice Speedie.

*Phoebe Lowry.

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" "	Hattie Morgan.
" "	*Maggie Zeigler.
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Past President	Catherine Lemmer.
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" "	*Carrie A. Briggs.
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" "	*Emily Cobean.
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" "	Emma Stevens.
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Past President.....	Kate Pickett.
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" "	Hattie Mitchell.
" "	Sarah Obrian.

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Corps President..... *Mary R. McLellan.
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" " Louisa Green.

" " Sarah Morris.

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" " Clara Barlow.

" " Maggie Campbell.

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" " *Mary E. Fauber.

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Ola Browning.

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*U. S. A. Hanna.

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Christine Bartell.

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Corps President.....	*Sylvia J. Hemmenway.
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Delegate.

Sarah J. Norris.

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HENRY COBB, NO. 67.

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" "	Katie Pearson.

Delegate.

Millie Brown.

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" "	Mary Lantz.

Delegate.

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Alternate.

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Alternate.

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 Past President Villa Watson.
 " " Amanda Martin.

Delegate.

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Maud Steele.

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 " " Lavina Wilson.

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 " " Lou J. East.

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 " " C. M. McFillan.
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*Sarah M. Snow.

Velma Wright.

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S. Goodyear.

*Cordelia Henson.

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*Delegate.**Alternate.*

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*Delegate.**Alternate.*

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Corps President.....Eunice C. Rice.

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Lyda Burr.

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*Mary Boyd.

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Corps President.....*Mary E. Yost.

Past President.....*S. E. Hannon.

" "*Annie M. Stewart.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

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Alice Hilbur.

*Hattie Church.

J. W. King.

Mary Potier.

Zeva Jones.

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Corps President.....Mary I. Bryant.

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" " Lou Guest.

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*Mary Craig.

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*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Sarah Dutelm.

Hattie Chase

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 " " Lizzie F. Long.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

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M. J. Hollenbeck.

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 " " *Mary M. Whitney.
 " " Carry G. Wilson.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

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Hattie H. Montgomery.

*Maria H. Weston,

Eliza McGaw.

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 Past President.....Hattie Hoover.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Pantina Morey.

Martha C. Andrews.

Laura A. Dickerson.

Sarah A. Parkinson.

JOSEPH WOODRUFF, NO. 94.

Corps President Elvira Porter.
 Past President.....*Mary E. Stone.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Julina Hayes.

Caroline Daily.

JAMES P. FOSTER, NO. 95.

Corps President.....*Amanda Clarkson.
 Past President.....*Alice Taylor.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mary Baker.

Annie B. Rounceville.

LOOMIS, NO. 96.

Corps President.....Elizabet Humphrey,
 Past President.... Lauretta J. Jones.

JOHN A. PARROTT, NO. 97.

Corps President.....Mary L. Garrison.
 Past President.....Almara Cleveland.
 " " Alice Daily.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Lorain Adams.

Cynthia Rogers.

JULIUS A. PRATT, NO. 99.

Corps President.....Ella Harding.
 Past President.....Margaret Murchison.
 " " Annie Miner.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Martha Pratt,

Lettie Nicholson,

R. K. McCOY, NO. 100.

Corps President.....Sarah Reath.
 Past President.....Catharine Thomas.
 " " Mary Dunlay.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Eliza Hyler.

Mattie Sloan.

*Julia Wesk.

S. A. Anderson.

F. D. HUBBELL, NO. 103.

Corps President.....*Jennie Truitt.
 Past President.....*Minnie Walsh.
 " "*Jennie Glenn.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Lina McLane,

Jane Vanters.

POLO, NO. 104.

Corps President.....Mary S. Williams,
 Past President.....Mary C. Griffin.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Ada Fisher,

Adeline Chase,

GEORGE KRIDLER, NO. 106.

Corps President.....E. Lampman.
 Past President....." "

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Julia Bentley.

Fanny Smith.

W. A. BABCOCK, NO. 107.

Corps President Emma Palmer.
 Past President.....Sophronia Warren.
 " " Mary Fickle.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Lucinda Campbell.

Emma Owen.

A. LINCOLN, NO. 108.

Corps President.....*Jennie B. Howison.
 Past President.....*Mary S. Ballinger.
 " " Minnie M. Kyle.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Anna P. H. Clark.

Mary Eldreg.

*Mary Bowra.

S. H. Arbagast.

*E. Means.

Nellie Kelly.

MATT STARR, NO. 109.

Corps President.....Matilda Tyrell.
 Past President Rachel Wycoff.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mary E. Humphrey.

Mary E. Faull.

FRANCIS M. LONG, NO. 110.

Corps President.....Laura Cramer.
 Past President.....*Emma Kitzmiller.
 " "*Laura Meredith.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Emma Seaman.

Mrs. Laura Evans.

Mollie Overand.

Mary Warner.

NO. 111.

No Returns.

PLANO, NO. 113.

Corps President.....Effie Marley.
 Past President.....Myra Smith.
 " " Alice Walker.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Lida LaSure.

Carrie Stahl.

ALEXANDER, NO. 114.

Corps President.....Elizabeth Burton.
 Past President.....Ella N. Shepherd.

STREATOR, NO. 116.

Corps President.....Minnie Murdock.
 Past President.....Aggie Hall.
 " "*Martha J. Bean.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Emma Dagen.

Sarah Hall,

WAUKEGAN, NO. 117.

Corps President....Mary Page.
 Past President....E. McArthur.
 " " M. W. Marvin,

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Philippa Lyon.

Mrs. Partridge.

LEO. W. MYERS, NO. 118.

Corps President...Mary E. Pegran.
 Past President...Grace A. Beach.
 " "*Salome F. Wilson.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Sarah Hill.

Keturah Hoover.

WHIPPLE, NO. 119.

Corps President...Maria Sutcliff.
 Past President...Helen Paddock.
 " " Florence Bell.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Hattie Whitham,

Helen Durham.

ALBION, NO. 120.

Corps President.....Cassandra H. Strawn.
 Past President.....

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Eva D. Strawn.

Annie Porter.

JAMES, T. SHIELDS, NO. 121.

Corps President.....*Emily R. McCollough.
 Past President Carrie B. Karr.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Jennie Freer.

Hannah Stevens.

ALLATOONA, NO. 122.

Corps President.....Margaret Maupin.
 Past President.....Mary Hieronymus.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mary B. Galloway.

Elizabeth Dempsey.

T. W. HUMPHREY, NO. 123.

Corps President.....Georgia B. Rowen.

PAXTON, NO. 125.

Corps President.....*Rachel E. Smith.
 Past President.....*Maggie Hutchison.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Emma H. Frederick.

Nora B. Mason.

EMERY, NO. 126.

Corps President.....Sarai Foster.
 Past President.....Francis M. Dille.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Anna Lockwood.

Julia Mosher.

DAN MILES, NO. 127.

Corps President.....Lucy Jones.
 Past President.....

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Emma Davis.

Annie Jones.

RANDOLPH, NO. 128.

Corps President.....Lora Baldwin.
 Past President.....Imogene Underhill.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Minnie Curtis.

Hattie L. McKee.

A. J. WEBER, NO. 129.

Corps President.....*Josie McTaggart.
 Past President.....Josephine Wiley.

SAMUEL G. STEADMAN, NO. 130.

Corps President.....Fannie Reeves.
 Past President.....Anna Smith.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Lizzie Higday.

Sadie Smith.

ATLANTA, NO. 131,

Corps President.....Lida Lambert.
 Past President.....Emma Onstott.
 " " Adeline Long.

Delegate.

Alternate.

M. E. Rowen.

M. E. Collier.

OREGON, NO. 132.

Corps President.....Maude A. Lason.
 Past President.....Chloe J. Cartwright,
 " " Anna Spoor.

Delegate.

Alternate.

*C. Cartwright.

Lucy Rutledge.

J. B. MANZER, NO. 133.

Corps President.....Fannie C. Woodruff.
 Past President.....Kate Udell.

Delegate.

Alternate.

E. N. Austin.

Adelia Clark,

DICKERSON, NO. 134.

Corps President.....Adelaide Bevier.
 Past President.....*Sue J. Thompson.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Mary A. Harvey.

Cornelia Parsons.

JOHN HUNTER, NO. 135.

Corps President.....Effie Kinsey.
 Past President.....Allie Ewing.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Etta Tanner.

Mary Hart.

GEORGE G. MEAD, NO. 136.

Corps President.....*Leah A. Strang.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Lizzie Carr.

Julia Knight.

Mary Monger.

Alice Parker.

ELLERY, NO. 137.

Corps President....Ann Pettigrew.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Ann Pettigrew.

Mary Scott.

MARTIN R. DELANEY, NO. 138.

Corps President.....*Leeanah Outland.

EUGENE LYFORD, NO. 139.

Corps President.....Minerva Spaid.

Past President.....Sarah P. Adams.

" " Mary Nicholson.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Flora A. Trent.

Lizzie Tilbrook.

BARTHLESON, NO. 140.

Corps President*Nettie H. Severn.

Past President.....Julia H. Barber.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mary E. Newbold.

Mary A. Jewell.

COL. JAMES A. MULLIGAN, NO. 141.

Corps President*Mary Tucker.

Past President Dr. Mary L. Vincent.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*M. E. Leonard.

Hariett Pursell.

*Ida Stephens.

Annie Lunn.

E. N. KIRK, NO. 142.

Corps President.....Elizabeth Maze.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

E. Maze.

*Marietta Cronise, S. V. P.

BLUE ISLAND, NO. 143.

Corps President.....Hattie E. K. Pierce.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Harriet B. Fletcher.

Laura R. Bacon.

Sadie Day.

Emma Eichoff.

DWIGHT, NO. 144.

Corps President.....*Hattie A. Fox.

*Delegate.**Alter nate.*

*Miss Anna McCleary.

YATES, NO. 145.

Corps President.....*Mary E. Flack.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Mary E. Dennis.

*Sarah E. Bradley.

JAMES HAYNES, NO. 146.

Corps President.....Sarah Keplinger.

THOMAS LAYTON, NO. 147.

Corps President.....Amelia Talbott.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Kate Newton.

Mary Hull.

MOUND CITY, NO. 148.

Corps President Anna White.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Annie Lightfoot.

Margaret Brown.

GOV. YATES, NO. 149.

Corps President....*Mary A. Smallwood.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Cassie Raymond,

Hester Brown.

LOUIS BLENKER, NO. 150.

Corps President.....Mary Siedner
 Past President... Emily Valentine.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Margaret Boles.

Mary Sawyer.

ALTON, NO. 151.

Corps President*Kate Johnson.
 Past President.....S S. Herron.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Eva Graham,

Mamie B. Johnson.

JOHN BAIRE, NO. 152.

Corps President.....Annie B. Hess.
 Past President.....

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Francis Kill.

Louise Cown.

CARLYLE, NO. 153.

Corps President *Pauline S. Schnell.
 Past President.....

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

L. G. KEEDY, NO. NO. 154.

Corps President.....Sadie E. Waterman.
 Past President.....

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Margaret Fort.

Nani B. Wickler.

FRANK LOWREY, NO. 155.

Corps President Mrs. Kate Butler,
 Past President..... " " "

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Mrs. Gladell,

Mrs. A. Carter.

WOODRUFF, NO. 156.

Corps President.....Mary Longbush.
 Past President... Alice Blakman.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Alice Humphrey.

Fidelia A. Ireland.

DELANEY, NO. 157.

Corps President.....

Past President.....

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

HARRISON W. WOOD, NO. 158.

Corps President.....*Sue T. Gibbs.

Past President.....

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

MELVIN, NO 159.

Corps President.....Mary J. Heath.

Prst President.....

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Phebe Carroll.

Ellen Phipps.

BLACK EAGLE, NO. 160.

Corps President.....*Mary E. Busey.

Past President.....

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Elizabeth Wright.

Isabella Burke.

A. E. BURNSIDE, NO. 161.

Cprps President.....*Clara C. Smith.

Past President.....

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Austia Latier.

Adelia Lorschider

COL. WM. BROOKS, 162,

Corps President.....*Emma Vanderberg.

Past President.....

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

E. Vanderberg.

Hattie Cooper.

CERRO GORDO, NO. 163.

Corps President....Flora Cole.

Past President.....

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Minnie Miller.

Josie Clifton.

YORKVILLE, NO. 164.

Corps President..... Jane Wilson,
 Past President.....

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Jane Wilson.

Etta Curran.

WILLIAM H. TANDY, NO. 165.

Corps President..... *Anna Hughes.
 Past President.....

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Anna Dunn.

Abbie Bradfield.

SETH C. EARL, NO. 166.

Corps President..... Ella T. Hapeman.
 Past President.....

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

*Maria Willis.

Susie A. Dyer.

GEORGE YOCUM, NO. 167.

Corps President..... Nelia Gilson.
 Past President.....

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

E. C. CAMP, NO. 168.

Corps President..... *Francis M. Jones.

JO. HANNA, NO. 169.

Corps President..... *Eliza A. Hatfield.

COL. CHAS. H. MORTON, NO. 170.

Corps President..... Jennie S. Gruhn.

GEN. MANSFIELD, NO. 171.

Corps President..... Martha E. Nash.

TOLONO, NO. 172.

Corps President..... *Annetta C. Hill.

SWAIN, NO. 174.

Corps President..... Almary Pettys.

COLUMBIA, NO. 175.

Corps President.....*Emma R. Wallace.

Past President.....*M. I. Sandes.

WHITTIER, NO. 176.

Corps President*Delia Cressinger.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Thursday, April 9, 1891

Convention called to order at 9:15 a. m. by the President, Mrs. D. A. Leaverton. Conductors reported all present members of the Woman's Relief Corps. The Lord's prayer was repeated in concert by the members and the opening ode was sung.

Minutes of Wednesday's session read by Department Secretary, corrected and approved.

Mrs. Bradley, of Corps No. 4, stated that she was in receipt, of an invitation from the President of the Woman's Club, of Decatur, Ill., to the officers and members of the Woman's Relief Corps to make use of the club rooms for any and all purposes desired during their stay in Decatur.

Mrs. Flo Miller, of Monticello, moved that the invitation be accepted with thanks. Seconded by Mrs. Alice Taylor. Carried.

The Secretary then read the minutes of Council:

TREMONT HOTEL, Quincy, Ill., March 14, 1890.

Council was called to order at 9:30 p. m. by Department President, Mrs. D. A. Leaverton.

Members present, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Stadden, Mrs. Miller, Miss Carlton and Miss Lindsey.

Moved by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Stadden that when a Corps is one year in arrears for per capita tax, the Department President may, by consent of Council revoke its Charter. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Stadden, seconded by Mrs. Miller, that the President have blanks for details printed. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Sue A. Sanders that the "Sucker" badge for 1888 be taken to the Eighth Department Convention and sold for ten cents each. Carried.

Motion by Miss Carlton, seconded by Mrs. Sanders, that National and Department Proceedings be sent out together. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Sanders, seconded by Miss Carlton, that hereafter 1,000 copies of Department Convention Proceedings be printed. Carried.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and carried.

MARTHA LINDSEY,

Department Secretary.

HOTEL BRUNSWICK, Decatur, Ill., April 7, 1891.

Department Council was called to order by Department President, Mrs. D. A. Leaverton, at 5 p. m., with all members present except Junior Vice President and Instituting and Installing Officer.

Motion to adjourn to meet after the G. A. R. parade, April 8th, was made by Mrs. M. J. Stadden and seconded by Mrs. Hubbard. Motion carried.

MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN,

Department Secretary.

DECATUR, ILL., April 8, 1891.

Department Council met in Brunswick Hotel with all except two members present.

The meeting was presided over by the Department President.

Mrs. Mary E. McCauley, Department Inspector, read a list of Corps which had contributed to purchase a home near New Canton for Mrs. Seebers.

SEC. 1. At the close of the reading Mrs. Sue A. Sanders moved that the purchase of this property be made known to the various Corps through General Orders; and that hereafter Circular letters be not considered authentic unless endorsed by Department President. Mrs. McCauley seconded the motion, which was carried.

SEC. 2. The following was submitted to the Council by Mrs. Clara W. Harral;

Illinois Women's Soldiers' Home Association, Chicago, April 7, 1891.

WHEREAS: A Home for the dependent wives, mothers and widows of soldiers and sailors of the Civil War, also for veterans and their wives who are unable to support themselves; one to which aged couples may be admitted together, and not separated in their declining years, is very desirable; and,

WHEREAS: The heart of woman has been moved to take the the initiative in this noble work,

Resolved: That this convention earnestly and cordially endorse this undertaking and recommend to all Relief Corps in the Department of Illinois to pass such resolutions as may assist and encourage the movement until the desired object is fully accomplished.

MARGARET I. SANDES,

LOUISE R. WARDNER,

Committee.

Motion by Mrs. Harral, seconded by Mrs. Flo Miller that this resolution be endorsed by this Council and brought before the Eighth Department Convention. Mrs. Sue M. Simpson moved as a substitute to Mrs. Harral's motion that we recommend that this matter be brought before the Convention for discussion. Sue A. Sanders seconded the motion. Carried.

SEC. 3. The following communication from Mrs. Humrichouser was read to the Council:

KANKAKEE, Ill., April 2, 1891.

Department Council of the Woman's Relief Corps, Decatur, Ill.

I make this appeal to you in behalf of the insane soldiers of Illinois, incarcerated in the different asylums of the State.

I ask you to bring this before the Convention of the W. R. C., and also to the notice of the G. A. R. to introduce a bill before the Legislature, now in session, for an appropriation sufficient to build a cottage at Kankakee for the insane soldiers alone to occupy; as my observations the past eighteen months that I have been a resident here have been such as to convince me that they could be better cared for and more becoming the defenders of our country were they placed by themselves and not compelled to be kept on an equality with

convicts and paupers, of which both classes have a full representation here.

There are 1,700 patients confined in the asylum at this place, and I am informed over 100 of this number are soldiers.

Dr. Richard Dewey, the medical superintendent, favors the plan very much and does all within his power for the soldiers placed under his care, but he dare not go beyond his legal authority.

I make this appeal to you in justice to this class of most unfortunate soldiers who have had no provision made for them other than is accorded to any citizen, and I think it is time some one should bring their situation to the notice of the public for some action to be taken in their behalf.

I have written letters to some of the Senators explaining their condition, hoping they would take some measures to benefit this class of soldiers, but as yet have failed to learn of any such action being taken.

I have had every opportunity to learn and observe through my almost daily visits to my husband, who also comes under this class, that their condition could be vastly improved were they placed in one cottage, but, situated in the many different wards and cottages as they now are, it is impossible to do anything for them by the friends of the soldiers who would be inclined to contribute to their comfort.

Hoping you will bring this to the notice of the Department Commander of the G. A. R. as well as the Relief Corps, I remain most respectfully

Yours in F., C. and L.

MARTHA HUMRICHOUSER.

P. P. Homer Corps 69, present member Whipple Corps 119.

Mrs. Sue A. Sanders moved that the communication from Mrs. Humrichouser be endorsed by Convention and turned over to Department Encampment G. A. R. for their action. Seconded and carried.

SEC. 4. Department President sent this letter to J. M. Clokey Chairman Local G. A. R. Memorial Hall Committee:

" PALESTINE, April 2, 1891.

J. M. CLOKEY, Chairman Local Committee G. A. R. National Memorial Hall, Decatur, Ill.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:—Do you think it would acceptable to the Grand Army of the Republic for the Woman's Relief Corps as auxiliary to the G. A. R. to help build the National Memorial Hall at Decatur, and make the Hall large enough so that that the W. R. C., auxiliary to the G. A. R., could file their National and Department Records or printed Journals?

Your in F., C. and L.

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,
Pres. Dept. Ill. W. R. C."

Mr. Clokey replied:

" MRS. DELILAH A. LEAVERTON, President Department of Illinois W. R. C., Palestine, Ill.

MY DEAR MADAM:—I am in receipt of your very kind letter of the 2nd inst., and am pleased to note your suggestion in reference to Memorial Hall. The National President of your Order, I am advised, entertains similar views. The Dunham W. R. C. took action in the matter at their December meeting and will present the sum to your Convention ensuing week. We have arranged a special work for the Woman's Relief Corps which we will be pleased to confer with you about, and in which we desire to give the Illinois Department special prominence.

Yours fraternally.

JOSIAH M. CLOKEY, "

SEC. 5. Moved by Mrs. Sue A. Sanders and seconded by Mrs. Sue M. Simpson that the Department Council in session heartily endorse the request of Department President, and trust that the arrangements of committee may be carried out in full. Motion carried.

Mrs. M. J. Stadden, Chairman of Department Executive Board, submitted her report of the year's work.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 6, 1891

MRS. MARTHA L. MARTIN, Department Secretary W. R. C. of
Illinois.

I hereby submit to the Department Council the report of the work of the Executive Board during the past year.

By authority from Department President, Mrs. D. A. Leaverton, I issued a circular letter to the members of the Board, asking that the members of the Board living nearest to Treasurer's Headquarters, Mesdames Sanders, Miller, and myself, be authorized to audit Treasurer's books during the year, thereby saving expense to Department.

Having their approval, on May 21st I made examination of the Treasurer's books and supplies; found them well kept, and sufficient supplies on hand, in good order.

Through unavoidable delay, the books were not audited again until December, at which time Mrs. Miller was detailed for the work. But owing to sickness in her family she was unable to attend to it. Mrs. Sanders was then requested to do the work, which she did as far as possible without Secretary's stubs (which had been duly forwarded five days before but did not reach Bloomington until next day after Mrs. Sanders made the examination.)

In February (having the receipted bills and stubs of Secretary), with the approval of Department President, another examination of the books was made, and again at my request, Mrs. Sue Sanders did the work, and she having done it is a sufficient guarantee that it is well done.

She reports accounts as follows:

Total receipts of the year.....	\$3346.64
Total expenditures.....	2740.19
Cash on hand.....	\$ 606.45
Due National Treasurer.....	222.75
Leaving cash when paid.....	\$ 383.70
Relief Fund	36.76
For National Home ...	65.00
Total cash on hand.....	\$ 485.46

March 1, 1891, bills, stubs and vouchers agree with one exception; no corresponding bill or voucher for stub No. 25.

Supplies on hand to last until Convention.

MARY J. STADDEN,

Chairman Dep't Executive Board.

The Department Secretary stated that bill 25, in form of a letter, was filed with the other bills sent to Bloomington to be audited.

The Department President explained that bill 25 called for \$2 due S. T. Lindsay, photo artist, for one negative for pictures in Seventh Department Journal, and that the order was duly forwarded to the artist.

The minutes of the Executive Board meeting were read as follows:

“BRUNSWICK HOTEL, Decatur, Ill., April 7, 1891.

Department Executive Board met at 4 o'clock p. m., with Mrs. M. J. Stadden, Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, Mrs. Lizzie Hubbard, Mrs. Flo Miller, Mrs. Sue M. Simpson and Department Secretary present.

The following recommendations were presented and adopted:

1. That none but itemized bills made out in regular form be allowed.

2. That the Department furnish members of the Executive Board with stationery for their work.

3. That Department Treasurer be required to furnish Executive Board with itemized amounts of supplies received and disbursed during each quarter.

4. That the Department Convention use special caution in the election of their Executive Board as the duties of their office demand special responsibility.

5. That all circular letters sent out by the Executive Board be prepared by the chairman and after circulation among the members be returned to her for report to the De-

partment President, that she, the chairman, may have the work for the annual report.

The result of the special committee's circular to Department Executive Board, referring to the gavel to be presented to to the G. A. R. was read.

The books of Department Treasurer, also bills and order book of Department Secretary were audited and pronounced correct.

A motion to adjourn was seconded and carried."

Motion by Mrs. Harral, seconded by Miss Bross, that report of Executive Board be accepted. Carried.

Motion by Miss Bross, seconded by Miss Carlton, that Council adjourn. Carried.

MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN,
Department Secretary.

Motion by Mrs. Amanda Clarkson, of Cairo, that the minutes of Council be accepted.

Miss Josephine Cleveland moved as an amendment that the minutes of the Council be taken up by sections on account of the different recommendations. Seconded and carried.

Motion as amended carried.

Mrs. Miller, of Monticello, moved that before minutes of Council were taken up for action, the Convention listen to the greetings which had been sent in. Mrs. Stewart, also Mrs. Stone seconded the motion. Carried.

The Secretary read the greetings as follows:

OFFICE OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT,)
Dennison, Ia., March 26, 1891. }

MRS. DELILAH A. LEAVERTON, Department President W. R. C.,
Palestine, Ill.

DEAR MADAM AND SISTER:—Your letter of invitation received.

Please accept my congratulations upon the successful termination of your year of responsibility and care as a leader

in W. R. C. work; also most sincere wishes for a pleasant and harmonious Convention as the crowning glory of your administration..

I regret that my own health, together with the requirements of other official duties, prevents me from accepting any invitations to Department Conventions, or other official visits.

I shall hope the National Order will be represented by National I. and I. Officer, Aids and Assistant Inspector, and that the work of the Woman's Relief Corps may be permanently advanced through the influence of this notable gathering.

Most sincerely yours in F., C. and L.,

MARY SEARS McHENRY.

National President W. R. C.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL SEC'Y, }
Denison, Ia., March 27, 1891. }

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON, President Department Illinois W. R. C., Palestine, Ill.

MY DEAR SISTER:—Your kind invitation and beautiful anniversary card received this morning. No doubt you have National President's answer to your invitation.

I would be delighted to attend the anniversary and Convention too. I want to meet you and the sisters, they all seem so near me, but it will be impossible for me leave the office.

I do want National President to go. I know, dear sister, you must be weary. These large Departments are a tax on the leading officer.

I hope you will have such an enjoyable time at both meetings, the tiredness will vanish like dew before the morning sun.

Wishing for you a very pleasant meeting; that strength and wisdom may be given to you.

I am yours in loving F., C. and L.,

HANNAH R. PLIMPTON,

National Secretary.

CANTON, Ohio., April 6, 1891.

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON. Department President W. R. C.,
Decatur, Ill.

DEAR SISTER IN F., C. AND L.:—Accept my sincere thanks for the invitation to attend the grand doings, G. A. R. and W. R. C. in Decatur the present week, and my assurance of hearty interest in the celebration which commemorates the formation of the Grand Army.

To this great organization of Union veterans the women of America owe a debt of gratitude they can never repay. They have not only welcomed us an auxiliary but given us the right hand of fellowship, and so encouraged our halting steps until to-day we stand side by side on the universal platform of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. Blessings on the Grand Army of the Republic.

To the women of the Department of Illinois, and to yourself and their loyal President I send hearty greetings; and may all your sessions and deliberations be characterized by broad and generous plans for the holy work in which you are engaged; and may the coming year be one of redoubled prosperity.

Faithfully yours,

KATE B. SHERWOOD.

Past National President.

OFFICE OF PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT, }
Detroit. Mich., April 6, 1891. }

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON. Department President Illinois Woman's Relief Corps.

DEAR MADAM:—My heart swells with pleasure, not un-mixed with pride, when I see a mental picture of the grand and enthusiastic celebration that will open on the 8th at Decatur, and I long to be there and share with you and the women of our unequalled organization, the peculiar pleasure and inspiration attendant upon such a gathering. One cannot add a 'gathering at such a time,' for never before has there been an opportunity to call out the same joyous, yet sad, emotions.

How little the devoted twelve knew, when they took the solemn obligation to stand by each other in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, that in a quarter of a century nearly half a million comrades would stand beside them, wearing on their breasts the insignia of the grandest organization on which the sun ever shone. How little they realized they dropped a seed that would put forth a tree mightier than the oak, whose branches would spread from ocean to ocean; yes, and even to the Southern seas.

These branches have many fruits, and the products enrich humanity in a thousand ways, many more than we can feel or know.

Who could have foreseen twenty-five years ago, the creation or the rapid formation of the Woman's Relief Corps, or in their most imaginary flights have dreamed that a band of 90,000 women could have rallied to their support and encouragement in seven years time.

Tell the dear comrades for me, that we have been created because they would need us, that we are willing and proud to be at their side and called their helpful left, and that as the years creep by and their earthly march brings them to the one and last great scene of action, where each must sooner or later obey the bugle call and stand in the front line, there they will find their auxiliary, and gradually, as their battalions grow few and weak, we will encircle and surround them. We will be found not alone at the left, but also at the right, in the front and in the rear; wherever they can be protected from the attacks of any and all enemies.

God bless and keep the comrades of the Grand Army is the earnest prayer of:

EMMA STARK HAMPTON,
Past National President.

OFFICE NATIONAL TREASURER, ()
Detroit, Mich., April, 1891. ()

MRS. DELILAH A. LEAVERTON, Department President W. R. C.
of Illinois.

MY DEAR PRESIDENT:—Were it possible for me to leave

home at this time, it would give me special pleasure to accept your kind invitation to be present at your Eighth Annual Convention and celebration of the Silver Anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It, however, being impossible for me to be present will you kindly bear my greetings to the Department of Illinois W. R. C. in Convention assembled.

May wisdom from on high guide you in all your deliberations, and as the present officers, who have labored so faithfully and well, lay down their duties for others to assume, may the grand and glorious work in which you have enlisted go on with unabated earnestness and zeal.

Yours in F., C. and L.

ARMILLA A. CHENEY.

MEDFORD, Mass., March 30, 1891.

MRS. DELILAH A. LEAVERTON, President Department of Illinois W. R. C.

DEAR MADAM:—I desire to acknowledge the receipt of your very fraternal invitation to be present at the Eighth Annual Convention, and also the Silver Anniversary of the G. A. R. at Decatur, Ill., April 8th.

Be assured I should be very happy were it possible for me to be with you on that occasion, to clasp hands once again around our sacred altar, and to catch a fresh inspiration for our chosen work, which must come to you all as you gather to celebrate the Twenty-fifth anniversary of the G. A. R.

My heart rejoices in the growth and prosperity of our beloved Order, and while I am denied the privilege of bearing my part in the active work, yet my interest is unchanged, and I shall ever feel the deepest solicitude that each Department keep the standard high. Opportunities for our best work multiply each year, and let us individually see to it that no needy veteran, or those dependent upon him shall lack the necessities of life.

This is our mission, and as we seek to fulfill it, so shall we merit the confidence of that grand organization to whom we are auxiliary.

For the official courtesies of yourself and Secretary, the receipt of your General Orders, and all the messages of loving kindness received during my long illness duly appreciated, and I trust you will all continue to bear the afflicted one near your hearts.

With loving, loyal greetings for all, and a prayer for our noble Order, believe me,

Ever yours in F., C. and L.,

SARAH E. FULLER,

Past National President W. R. C.

OFFICE SEC'Y. W. R. C. HOME, }
Geneva, Ohio, April 1, 1891. }

MRS. D. A. LEAVERTON, Department President W. R. C. of Illinois.

DEAR MRS. LEAVERTON:—Your very unique card of invitation to your Department Convention is received. It would afford me great pleasure to meet with you at that time, especially to be at your Silver Anniversary, which happily falls on your opening day. But rush of work forbids absence of any length.

May your coming Convention be as successful as your administration of the past year has been.

Very Fraternally,

P. L. COWLES.

Secretary Board Directors.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL INSPECTOR. }
Washington, Kan., March, 1891. }

MRS. DELILAH A. LEAVERTON, Department President W. R. C. of Illinois, Palestine, Ill.

MY DEAR SISTER:—Your very kind invitation to be present at the Silver Anniversary at Decatur is just at hand. How glad I would be to be with you at that that time, for it will be one of the epochs or mile-stones in the history of our Order, and I can but wonder how many comrades and W. R. C. member will be living to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary.

I heartily endorse your General Order. It seems to me a very excellent one. The spirit is so good and loyal.

I trust your Convention will be the best Illinois has ever had.

Remember me kindly to the ladies who inquire for me. Best wishes for yourself and your success.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

ELLA POWELL.

National Inspector.

FOREST GROVE, Ore., April, 14 1891.

MRS. LEAVERTON, Department President W. R. C. of Illinois.

DEAR MADAM:—Your greeting was cordially received in Convention at Astoria, and a vote was cast directing the Secretary to return thanks for your kind thoughts concerning us.

I have taken the first moment at my command since my return home to carry out the wishes of the Convention.

We had a most delightful and I hope profitable session. They had planned excursions for us which were delightfully carried out after the business was completed.

The reports showed a more prosperous year in many ways than we have seen in our Department hitherto.

Yours in F., C. and L.

SARAH E. MILLER,

Past Department President.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 7, 1891.

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON, Department President W. R. C. of Illinois, Palestine, Ill.

DEAR SISTER:—Your General Order No. 12 received, also your kind invitation to be present at your Eighth Annual Convention and Silver Anniversary of the G. A. R., and regret very much that I must deny myself of the pleasure of being with you on both occasions.

Please accept for yourself and members of your Convention greetings and best wishes of,

Yours very truly in F., C. and L.

LYDIA A. GEORGE.

Past Dept. Pres. Minn, W. R. C.

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. OF MASS. W. R. C.)
Boston, February 12, 1891. }

MRS. DELLAH A. LEAVERTON, President Department of Illinois
W. R. C.

DEAR MADAM: Your kind greetings have been received with interest by the members of the Twelfth Annual Convention W. R. C. assembled.

We are much gratified to learn that the ladies of Illinois are thinking of us to-day.

Grateful for your kindly expressions we assure you that we shall strive to maintain the principles to which we are pledged.

In F., C. and L.

CLARE H. BURLEIGH,

MARY E. KNOWLES,

CARRIE S. L. BAGLEY,
Committee.

Department President.

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. OF WIS. W. R. C.)
Milwaukee, Wis., April 6, 1891. }

MRS. DELILAH A. LEAVERTON, Department President, and
Ladies of Illinois.

We, of the Badger State, thank the W. R. C. of Illinois for remembering their neighbors on the north, and long to visit a sunnier clime, if only for a silver wedding.

Here's hoping that when we, (their auxiliary) shall have reached, our twenty-fifth anniversary, there will be as many of the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to celebrate our silver wedding, as there are of us now to join with them. Three cheers for the "Boys in Blue!" No matter how decrepit and gray.

We love their sons and daughters, and thank them one and all, that "Ours is the land of the Free."

May God bless Illinois and its W. R. C.

In F., C. and L.

CAROLINE H. BELL,

HELEN N. PUFFER,

Department Secretary.

Department President.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN, }
Bangor, Me., April 6, 1891. }

MRS. DELILAH A. LEAVERTON, President Department of Illinois, W. R. C.

DEAR MADAM:—Your kind invitation to attend the Eighth Annual Convention of the Department of Illinois, W. R. C., has been received.

It would give me much pleasure were it possible for me to attend. As it is, I wish to send my greetings, and I will be with you in spirit if not in person.

May you enjoy a pleasant and harmonious Convention.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

EMILY V. LITTLEFIELD,
National Chaplain W. R. C.

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, }
Fargo, N. D., March 28, 1891. }

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON, Palestine, Ill.

DEAR MADAM:—Your greeting of February 9th was received in due time, but detained the acknowledgement thereof until after the Convention, where it was read with the many others received.

In reference to our Convention, it was one of the pleasantest and most harmonious meetings I ever enjoyed. Fraternity reigned supreme. Our election of officers gave perfect satisfaction, twenty-six delegates and two sisters being present, and Lisbon Corps, Post and citizens entertained us most royally, and their hospitality is beyond commendation.

Hoping to hear from you in the future, and that we will meet at the National Convention at Detroit, Mich., and best wishes to you and Secretary,

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

JOSEPHINE FOLSOM, Department President.

ARVILLA HARRINGTON, Department Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, W. R. C., }
 ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 6, 1891. }

Mrs. D. A. LEAVERTON, Department President W. R. C., Decatur, Ills.

DEAR MADAM:—The Department of Missouri, Woman's Relief Corps, send greetings to our Sisters in session, having just closed a most successful meeting.

With sincere regret that I cannot be with you, as I expected,

I am, yours sincerely, in F, C. and L.,

BELLE M. SATTERLY.

Department President, 3546 Page Street, St. Louis.

DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, W. R. C., }
 Skowhegan, Me., March 30, 1891. }

Mrs. DELILAH A. LEAVERTON, Department President Woman's Relief Corps, Palestine, Ills.

To the Eighth Annual Convention of the Department of Illinois, Woman's Relief Corps, assembled:

Maine sends fraternal greetings. May the spirit of our motto, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, be with you.

CLARA B. LEAVITT,

President Maine W. R. C.

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. CONN. W. R. C., }
 New Haven, Conn., Feb. 19, 1891. }

Mrs. DELILAH A. LEAVERTON, Department President Illinois W. R. C.

DEAR SISTER:—The Department of Connecticut, W. R. C., in Eighth Convention assembled, acknowledge with pleasure and appreciation your greeting, and also extend fraternal greetings.

Per order of Convention,

LIALIE M. GARDNER.

Department Secretary.

DEPT. OF N. D., W. R. C., }
 Fargo, N. D., April 7, 1891. }

MRS. D. A. LEAVERTON, Department President W. R. C. Decatur, Ill.

North Dakota sends greetings to the Eighth Department Convention of Illinois :

May your deliberations be characterized by the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

JOSEPHINE FOLSOM,
 Department President.

DEPT. OF WASHINGTON, W. R. C., }
 Walla Walla, Wash., April 1, 1891. }

MRS. D. A. LEAVERTON, Department President, W. R. C. of Illinois.

Dear Madam.—Your cordial invitation to attend the Annual Convention of the Department of Illinois to-day received.

While it might give me great pleasure to accept the same, the long distance and our own Department Convention meeting in the same month, render such a pleasure an impossibility.

Wishing for the closing of your administration a successful and harmonious Convention,

I remain yours in F., C. and L.,

MAY EVANS,
 Department President.

DEPT. COLO. AND WYO., W. R. C., }
 Denver, Col., March 31, 1891. }

MRS. D. A. LEAVERTON, Department President Illinois Woman's Relief Corps.

Dear Madam:—Please accept my thanks for the invitation to attend your Convention at Decatur, Ill. I regret very much that I will be unable to comply with your wishes, as the Department of Colorado and Wyoming meet in Convention at Manitou April 28th and 29th, and I will be kept very busy closing up my work.

Illinois being my native State, where the greater part of my life has been spent, I naturally feel more interested in the work there than in other States, and I am glad to know that the work has prospered under your administration.

Please convey to the members of your Convention "Fraternal Greetings" from the Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

AMERICA ANDERSON,

Department President.

Headquarters Illinois Div. Ladies Aid Society S. of V. }

Bloomington, Ill., April 9, 1891. }

To the Officers and Members of the Eighth Annual Convention W. R. C., Decatur, Ill.

We greet with heartfelt praise to-day

You women kind and brave,

Who rob life of its bitter want,

Who glorify the grave.

Who realizing all the woe

That war left in its track,

Each day some stones roll from life's path.

Some stinging briars put back.

What wonder that the G. A. R.,

Time-scarred by many a fray,

Stand back with reverence to watch

Your battles of to-day.

The Sons of Veterans we would aid,

As you their fathers cared,

The field of Charity is broad.

Its work can well be shared.

Teach us how best to do this work,

And thus the debt be paid,

The Nation owes by Corps and Camp.

And yes, by Ladies' Aid

The loving wishes we would send,

These flowers can best express;

God prosper you is the earnest wish

Of the Illinois L. A. S.

JOSEPHINE MUXHOLLAND,

Pres. Ill. Div. L. A. S., of S. of V., U. S. A.

Mrs. Leaverton appointed the following ladies as a committee to answer the greetings:

Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, Taylorville.

Mrs. Josephine P. Cleveland, Springfield.

Mrs. S. E. Hannon, Cairo.

President—"Ladies, you all understand that the hour for our election is just about to leave us. What is your pleasure in regard to the election of officers?"

Motion by Mrs. Bowra that the election be held the first thing after dinner. Seconded by Mrs. Lizzie Blackmore, of Corps No. 15. Carried.

Minutes of Council taken up by *Sections.

Motion by Mrs. Eldred that Section 1 be adopted. Seconded and carried.

Motion by Miss Cleveland that the resolution referred to in Section 2, be laid upon the table until such time as the recommendation of the President's address relative to the same matter be taken up and considered. Seconded and carried.

It was then moved that the Convention adjourn and accompany the committee to the Grand Army Hall (Opera House) to witness the presentation of the gavel. Seconded by a great number. There was some discussion as to whether the entire Convention was expected to be present, and whether there would be room to receive them.

Mrs. Bradley, of Decatur, announced that it had been said: "If there was not room they would make it." Thereupon the Convention adjourned for the purpose of witnessing the presentation.

The President called Convention to order at 11:40 a. m.

Motion by Miss Jennie Bross, seconded by Mrs. Alice Taylor, that the Convention adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m.

*These minutes are sectioned simply for the convenience of the reader.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention called to order at 2 p. m. by the President.

Mrs. Flo Miller, of Monticello, said: "I have a little matter to bring before the Convention. On last evening at the Headquarters of Sherman Post G. A. R., a little incident occurred, with which I feel that the Convention should be made acquainted.

"The Hon. B. F. Funk, of Sherman Post, Bloomington, Ill., presented Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton, Department President, with a handsome silk and gold badge as a souvenir of the Post. The badge is of white silk and on it is a handsome portrait of the gallant General Sherman as he appeared when he so bravely and daringly marched through Georgia. The badge is finished with fringe of gold. Mrs. Leaverton accepted the testimonial as a tribute to the Department, saying she particularly appreciated the kindness as her husband had marched with Sherman to the sea.

"On leaving the party was tendered a most beautiful serenade by the DeMolay Band, which attended the Post.

"Ladies, I think you should know this. Mrs. Leaverton has the badge on now."

The Secretary called the roll of Convention.

The President—"I should like to have all delegates remain in the room. The first in order is to elect a President for the coming year. The following ladies are appointed tellers:

Mrs. Whitham, Corps No. 119, Kankakee.

Mrs. Eggleston, Corps No. 35, Delavan.

Mrs. Ward, Corps No. 24, Gibson City.

"Nominations are now in order for Department President."

Mrs. Sallie J. Steele, Corps No. 4, said: "I take great pleasure in nominating a lady for the office of President who has for three years served as President of Dunham Relief

Corps, No. 4. She is an able and efficient officer; faithful and conscientious in her duties as an officer to the Order. I refer to Mrs. Mary A. Bradley, whom I take great pleasure in nominating for the office of President." Seconded by Mrs. Maggie Sutton, of Dunham Relief Corps, No. 4.

Mrs. Davisson, of Bloomington Corps, No. 7, announced the nomination of Mrs. Sue Simpson as a candidate for the office of Department President. Seconded by Mrs. Helen Ives.

Mrs. Hughes, of Springfield, said: "I desire to present as a candidate for the office of Department President the name of a lady who has served very acceptably as Senior Vice, also as a member of the Executive Board. It gives me great pleasure to nominate Mrs. Mary J. Stadden, of Springfield." Seconded by Mrs. A. Hall of Camp Point, No. 65.

Mrs. Lydia Bender, of Monticello, presented as a candidate for the office of Department President. Mrs. Inez Bender, of Monticello. Seconded by Mrs. Ryder.

Mrs. Carl, of Corps No. 136, Englewood, nominated as a candidate for the office of Department President, Mrs. Martha L. Martin. Seconded by Mrs. Humphrey. [Applause.]

Mrs. Flo Miller, of Corps No. 64, nominated Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton, of Palestine, as a candidate for the office of Department President. Seconded by Mrs. M. I. Sandes, of Columbia Corps.

Mrs. Leaverton—"Ladies, I thank you for the compliment. I have endeavored to serve you as Department President to the best of my ability for the past two years, and I do not feel it my duty to accept. After each of you have served a term of similar length, it will be my turn again." [Applause.]

Mrs. Sue M. Simpson declined the nomination. Mrs. Martha L. Martin did the same, each thanking the members for the attention shown them.

Miss Josephine P. Cleveland, of Springfield, suggested that the candidates be brought forward to the platform that the members might get a look at them in order that they might

know for whom they were voting. They were escorted to the platform and presented by the President in the following manner :

"Ladies, I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mrs. Mary A. Bradley, of Decatur. Mrs. Inez J. Bender, of Monticello, and Mrs. Mary J. Stadden, of Springfield, who are candidates for the office of Department President."

Motion by Mrs. Flo Miller that the votes be not counted in open Convention, but that a friend of each candidate accompany the tellers in order to watch the count and know that it was correct. Seconded by Mrs. Severn, of Corps 140.

Mrs. Sue M. Simpson—"I believe there is some objection to the tellers retiring to count the votes, and I think the proper place for them would be the platform, letting them count the votes in the presence of this Convention. This would be more satisfactory all around, I think."

Mrs. Miller's motion carried.

The Secretary was then instructed to begin the minutes of the Council where she had left off in the morning. She read a letter from Mrs. Humrichouser, of Kankakee, in regard to a cottage which was to be erected for insane soldiers.

At the conclusion of the letter Mrs. Mary A. Bradley, of Corps No. 4, addressed the President, Mrs. D. A. Leaverton, as follows:

"In behalf of Dunham Relief Corps, of Decatur, I present you with this as a testimonial of our love and respect," handing her magnificent bouquet of Marschal Neil roses, tied with an elaborate bow of white ribbon.

Mrs. Leaverton—"I cannot express to you my thanks. I was here a little over seven years ago and met with a little band of workers at that time. I have met with you in Convention ever since. When we were here on January 30, 1884, there were only seventeen of us, and I think if this noble woman (holding up Mrs. Holbrook's picture) who organized this band could look down upon us now, it would rejoice her

heart to see the grand body of women here who represent the Department of Illinois. Mrs. Bradley, tell your Corps I thank them for this token, and their kindly wishes."

Motion by Mrs. Amanda Clarkson, of Cairo, seconded by Mrs. Munholland, that the recommendation of the Council in regard to the building for insane soldiers (See Council minutes, Section III.) be adopted.

Mrs. Withrum, of Corps No. 76, suggested that the building should be at Quincy, where the Soldiers' Home was erected, if anything of the kind was put up.

Miss Cleveland then suggested that Mrs. Lippencott was in the room, and that perhaps she would give some information regarding the keeping of insane soldiers at the Home. She was conducted to the platform and presented to the Convention by the President in the following manner :

"I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mrs. Lippincott, Matron of the Hospital of the Soldiers' Home at Quincy, Ill. Ladies, salute."

Mrs. Lippencott having been invited to make some remarks concerning the erection of a cottage for insane soldiers, spoke as follows:

"Ladies, it is against the rules of the Home for us to take care of insane men. We have had quite a number. We have sent two to Kankakee, two or three to Jacksonville, and have exchanged for some who were only partially insane. There is not room enough for all at any of the asylums, and we are not prepared to take care of them. I was much pleased to hear that interest was being taken in the question, and hope arrangements can be made so that the soldiers can be taken care of better than they now are."

Mrs. Humrichouser, who first introduced the subject of the cottage for the insane at Kankakee, spoke at considerable length upon the question, saying she understood there was now a movement before the Grand Army for the purpose of erecting this cottage at the Soldiers' Home at Quincy, Ill. She objected to this on account of the insufficient medical staff,

referring to Doctor Dewey, in Kankakee, who was much interested in the matter and would do everything in his power to aid in the cause, saying: "Furthermore he is in favor of having the soldiers have a cottage for their own use, so they can be taken care of in a manner becoming to the defenders of our flag." She said further that "they were not now properly taken care of, not as they should be; some have no friends or relatives. My husband is there and I am there myself to see that he is taken care of as well as I am able, although he could receive much better care." [Applause at the conclusion of Mrs. Humrichouser's remarks.]

Mrs. Clarkson's motion carried.

The guard announced that there were some Comrades in waiting. The President asked if the Convention was ready to receive them. Motion was made by Mrs. Sanders that the comrades be admitted at once. Seconded by Mrs. Mary E. McCauley. Carried.

Conductors instructed to bring the gentlemen to the platform. Mrs. Leaverton presented to the Convention Chaplain Lozier and Captain Cantwell, of Tennessee.

Chaplain Lozier made a short address, saying:

"Comrades, I know so well how much you are encumbered with your duties that I shall not think of speaking, neither of singing a song. When you were present at our encampment this morning your President so kindly and courteously invited me to come down that I concluded to go, thinking possibly you would have more leisure time than I see you have. You are a busy people, especially here. I will not therefore take up your time by singing, but will merely say that the song I sang this morning, and that other one, 'My Father's Flag and Mine,' which was adopted by the last National Encampment, can be obtained of me. The regular price is forty cents, but as I am merely introducing the music I will sell them at twenty-five cents per copy to-day."

At the conclusion of Chaplain Lozier's remarks the members called for a song, and after being assured that the ladies

could spare the time he consented, and favored them with "The Veteran's Last Song."

At the conclusion of his song Mr. Lœzier requested that he might give his address in case any of the ladies should wish to write him for a copy of the music, which he gave as "Mt. Vernon, Ia."

Captain Cantwell then addressed the ladies as follows:

"Ladies and Comrades, it is hardly worth while for me, after hearing our old Chaplain (he is a man I soldiered with) to attempt to speak to you. I want to say, however, that I have come nine hundred miles to see you [applause], and what is more, I left the same girl at home a week ago last Saturday night that I left over thirty years ago when I went into the service. She is the same girl. I love her better every day and she is getting younger all the time, and she is getting better looking all the time, like me. [Laughter.] I am so glad to see you, ladies, and the old boys that I do not know what to do. I went away from home (I call this home. It is my old home.) a year ago last October. I left Springfield, Ill., for the South. I am among the Johnnys there. They are my nearest neighbors. I am with them every day; am connected with them in business.

"I gave about three years of my life in Tennessee for my country and my flag. I am down there now for the money there is in it and I am going to have it.

"I was requested to say something in regard to the Unknown Dead. I visited the cemeteries in Chattanooga and Murphysboro. There are in the latter place about four thousand marked "Unknown." I think it is a shame that our boys should lie there in that way, but we have no way of ascertaining who they are. There are more than thirteen thousand two hundred buried in the National Cemetery at Chattanooga. I visit that place often. Last Sunday I went to the office and through the kindness of the Superintendent I obtained the names of some of the soldiers buried there.

"I understand a movement is now being made by this grand body of ladies to get a suitable monument to be erected

to the memory of the Unknown. God bless you. I hope you will make it a success, and I will do all in my power to assist you.

"I will subscribe one hundred dollars or two hundred whenever you want it, and can promise the same for Mr. Wilder, with whom I am associated in business.

"I would like to talk longer but cannot, as I am taking up too much of your time. I love you every one. [Applause.]

"My wife said to me, 'I want you to go to the meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps at some hour and say to them that they have my best wishes, that I remember them all and pray God to bless them in their noble work.'" [Applause.]

Mr. Cantwell was earnestly importuned for a song, and finally consented to sing his song, 'Bury me with my Grand Army Badge,' prefacing the song with a little history as to how long he had been composing it to suit himself, and a little story of a time when he sang it to an assembly of Johnnys.

The President then spoke a few words to the two gentlemen in relation to being glad of their visit to the Convention, and tendering them a badge of the W. R. C. Eighth Annual Convention of the Department of Illinois. To which Mr. Lozier responded in a very happy manner.

Miss Josephine P. Cleveland, of Springfield, moved that the Convention send greetings to Mrs. Cantwell by her husband, also thanks for her kindly wishes. Seconded by Mrs. Carrie B. Geary. Carried.

The Conductors then escorted the visitors to the door, Mrs. Hovey playing "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys are Marching," the entire Convention singing the chorus.

The President—"I have a telegram which I will ask the Secretary to read before proceeding with the regular business."

"INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.

To the Annual Convention of Illinois W. R. C., now assembled:

Fraternal greetings and Godspeed in your sacred work.

Indiana W. R. C. in session. Indianapolis, Ind., April 8, 1891.

MELISSA CAYLOR.

Department President.

The tellers reported two hundred and thirty-six votes cast, while a count showed that only two hundred and eighteen officers and delegates answered to the roll call.

A discussion arose as to how this probably occurred, when Mrs. McCauley advanced the information that she had seen a number of persons with delegates badges enter the room since roll call.

The President asked: "What will you do with this ballot?"

It was finally decided that the ballot should be declared void and another vote taken.

As the members were preparing for a second ballot Mrs. Steel spoke as follows:

"I would like to make a statement before the ballot is repeated. I understand a report has been circulated that Decatur has a candidate for another office. That is a mistake. We have only one candidate, and that we wish the Convention to distinctly understand before the ballot is repeated."

Motion by Mrs. Rowley, of Corps No. 7, seconded by Mrs. Phillips, of Corps No. 76, that Section 5 of Council minutes be accepted. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Julia G. Sine, seconded by Mrs. Humrichouser, that recommendation No. 1 of Executive Board be adopted. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Pitkin, of No. 81, seconded by Mrs. Spaulding, of No. 1, that recommendation No. 2 of Executive Board be adopted. Carried.

Motion by Julia G. Sine, and seconded by Mrs. Mary E. McCauley, that recommendation No. 3 of Executive Board be adopted. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Eldred, of Corps No. 36, and seconded by Miss Josephine Cleveland, of Springfield, that recommendation No. 4 of Executive Board be adopted. Carried.

Motion by Alice Taylor, seconded by Miss Cleveland, that recommendation No. 5, of Executive Board, be accepted by the Convention. A great discussion took place upon this subject, some construing the wording of the recommendation to imply one thing, some quite another. Mrs. Stadden, Miss Bross, Mrs. Sine, Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Miller explaining how the meaning might be construed.

Mrs. Leaverton said: "I do not understand that the Chairman of Executive Board is expected to prepare the Circulars. To save expense of calling a meeting of Department Council or Executive Board for the purpose of transacting business pertaining to the Department that may arise between the annual Department Conventions, the Department President may issue Circulars to the Department Executive Board through the Chairman of Executive Board, (except in filling a vacancy of Department elected officer, which must be decided by a majority of Department Council) such Circulars and the action of Department Executive Board to be brought before the Department Council or Department Convention for their approval. This has been followed in the past."

When the discussion was over and the proper change had been suggested to the Secretary, the motion carried.

The Secretary requested that the "proper change" be handed to her in writing.

Mrs. Inez Bender made a motion that this recommendation be committed to the Chairman of Executive Board for proper rearrangement, same to be reported afterwards. Seconded by Mrs. Annie Morgan, of Monmouth. Carried.

(Recommendation No. 5 of Executive Board, as arranged by Chairman:—

That whenever the President of the Department desires a communication to be sent to the members of the Executive Board, she, the President, formulate the Circular Letter and send it to the Chairman of the Executive Board to send to each member, the last member send the letter back to Chairman of Executive Board; from her to the Department President, from her to the Chairman to file.)

Tellers reported the result of second ballot for Department President.

The President—"There is no majority. Delegates prepare your ballots for Department President."

Mrs. Inez Bender, of Monticello, withdrew from the contest, leaving Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Stadden in the field.

Mrs. Stadden—"Mrs. President, I withdraw from the contest and give my influence to Mrs. Bradley."

Moved by Mrs. Bender, and seconded, that Mrs. Bradley's election be made unanimous. Carried.

Mrs. Bradley was declared President of the Department of Illinois, W. R. C., for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Bradley then said: "The citizens of Decatur have prepared a special entertainment in the form of a concert at the Opera House to-night for the W. R. C. and G. A. R., and I think we should attend."

Motion by Mrs. Bradford, that the Convention adjourn until eight o'clock in the morning. Seconded and carried.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Convention was called to order at 8:15 a. m., Friday, April 10, 1891. The Guard instructed to secure the door, the Conductors to take up the password. The Guard instructed to tell the visitors where they should sit as they came in.

The Convention was opened with the Lord's Prayer, followed by the Opening Ode.

Conductors reported all present members of the Woman's Relief Corps.

President—"Secretary read the minutes of Thursday's meeting."

At the conclusion of the reading of the minutes of the morning session they were approved as corrected.

Mrs. Sarah Bradford suggested that nothing more than the official proceedings of the Convention be printed in the minutes.

Mrs. Inez J. Bender—"I move that nothing but the official proceedings of this Department Convention be printed in the minutes." Seconded by Mrs. Bradford. Carried.

The President asked if that motion was intended to exclude all speeches or remarks from the Journal.

It was then suggested that it be left to the judgment of the President and Secretary, they being competent to determine how much should appear in the Journal.

Some lady then asked if it was understood that the President and Secretary had charge of the completion of the minutes, to which reply was made that the retiring Department Secretary had charge of the printing of the minutes.

Mrs. Sue Simpson—"I move that the President and Secretary be left to judge as to what and how much should be printed in the records." Seconded by Mrs. Coburn of Corps No. 35. Carried.

Miss Cleveland remarked that : "It seemed to her that it was not necessary to have a motion. That it was merely a suggestion."

President—"I presume this motion was made to give the privilege of printing speeches."

The minutes of Thursday afternoon's session were then read, corrected and approved.

President—"The next thing in order is to proceed with the election of officers."

Mrs. Mary E. McCauley then moved that the doors be closed, and delegates counted. Seconded by Mrs. Sandes. Carried.

The numbering of delegates proved that there were one hundred and seventy-six in the main room and five in the committee room.

Tellers previously appointed reported present.

President—"Nominations for Senior Vice President are now in order.

The following nominations were made, each being properly supported:

Mrs. Jennie B. Howison.

Sophia Spaulding.

Mrs. Inez Bender.

Mrs. Humrichouser.

Mrs. Simpson.

Mrs. Inez Bender and Mrs. Humrichouser declined to be considered as nominees, their names therefore being withdrawn.

Nominations declared closed. Delegates prepared their ballots, during the counting of which the regular business was continued.

Miss Cleveland suggested that as the funeral of Mrs. I. C. Pugh, of Corps No. 4, took place at 2 o'clock p. m., it seemed to her that it would be only a proper tribute of respect, if the Convention spent a few minutes in silent prayer at

that hour as a token of respect, and that the action be spread upon the minutes.

Miss Cleveland then put her suggestion in form of a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Anna Morgan. Carried.

The Secretary then requested permission to read over again to the Convention a portion of the minutes of yesterday afternoon, to be sure she had it all correct before it was put in the Journal. Permission granted. Minutes re-read and approved.

The following telegram was presented to the President who was instructed to read it to the Convention:

"CHICAGO, Ill., April 10, 1891.

MRS. D. A. LEAVERTON, Woman's Relief Corps, Decatur, Ill.

"Resting easier. My thoughts are with you. God bless you.

[Signed.]

C. E. NEWBERN.

Department I. and I. Officer."

Moved by Mrs. Pitkin, of Chicago, seconded by Mrs. Bross that this telegram be spread in full upon the records. Carried.

The Secretary read the following letters from Mrs. Electa Finlay, of Quincy, Ill., in regard to the Rosa Berryman fund:

QUINCY, Ill., March 23, 1891.

MRS. DELILAH A. LEAVERTON, Department President W. R. C., Palestine, Ill.

MY DEAR MRS. LEAVERTON: I am happy to tell you that Rosa Berryman has been admitted to the institution for feeble minded children at Lincoln, at least we presume so, as we sent the child with her father last week. Mr. Berryman, after leaving his Rose with Dr. Fish, expected to visit his son at Bloomington. I telephoned this morning and find he hasn't returned yet. To Dr. Fish, of the Institution, and Mrs. Salome C. Wilson, all credit is due. I feel assured in my own mind that if it hadn't been for the faithful personal efforts of Mrs. Wilson,

Past President of the Lincoln Corps, Rosa would not have been admitted so soon. As soon as possible after we received permission to send her, Mrs. Col. Berry and I made arrangements. Mr. Berryman was rejoiced at the prospect of his daughter being safely housed. Yes, the remainder of the "Berryman Fund" properly belongs to the Department Relief Fund, so next week I will send the balance to Miss Ada Carlton unless you send me word to the contrary. It seems to me it should be placed before the convention for action, however.

With best wishes, sincerely yours in F., C. and L.,

ELETA L. FINLAY.

QUINCY, Ill., April 1, 1891.

MRS. DELILAH A. LEAVERTON, Department President W. R. C.,
Palestine, Ill.

MY DEAR MRS. LEAVERTON:—Monday I sent to Miss Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, the balance of the Berryman Fund, amounting to \$61.32; the receipts for which I received to-day.

Sincerely yours in F., C. and L.,

FLETA L. FINLAY.

The President stated that she had requested Mrs. Finlay to send this money to the Relief Fund, which you have heard the Treasurer report as received, and asked if this action met with the approval of the Convention.

Mrs. Mary E. McCauley, of Olney, moved that the action taken be approved by the Convention. Seconded by Mrs. Julia G. Sine. Carried.

The Guard reported that a committee from the Department Encampment G. A. R. was in waiting.

Motion was made by Mrs. Sine, seconded by Mrs. Pitkin, that business be suspended, and the committee received at once. Carried.

Comrades Kelly, of Chicago; Fullerton, of Ottawa; Haral, of Aurora; Eastman, Chicago, and Clark, of Mattoon, were conducted to the platform and presented to the President who greeted them as follows;

"Comrades, I welcome you to this, the Eighth Annual Convention of the Department of Illinois, W. R. C. Ladies, salute."

Comrade Kelly was introduced by the President and addressed the Convention as follows:

"Mrs. President, and Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps: We are delighted to be here as representatives of the first organization in this State, to bring to you as ladies of the first organization in this State, our greetings and fraternal wishes. [Applause.]

"Before leaving Headquarters for here, Comrade Distin suggested that I might say something about his having occupied so much of his report with reference to the Woman's Relief Corps. He said you might think he was saying too much of the Corps with reference to good work.

"Now, ladies, I am no speaker, but if you would like to hear from some good talker, the other four Comrades present are good speakers, and the only consolation I find is in the pleasure I have in introducing Comrade Harrall."

Comrade Harrall, of Aurora, then took the floor and said:

"Ladies, you all know that the best part of my house is my wife. You all know that she does all the talking. Now, ladies, I am no speaker. I was scared enough when I was mentioned as one to bring thanks and greetings to you, and with your permission I will thank you for your kindness, and give way to my Comrade Fullerton."

Comrade Fullerton, of Ottawa, was introduced and spoke as follows:

"Mrs. President and Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps: I do not know, Mrs. President, as you have much time to spare. I know if you are like the G. A. R. you have not, therefore I will merely make a remark or two.

"I had the honor to occupy this position a year ago. I felt guilty after we left for we did so much talking, and upon this occasion I will try to do less. There are, however, two matters of which I might speak, which would be of interest to

you, one the anniversary, the other the organization itself. Both present large topics that can be spoken of with interest, but it seems to me that I have somewhere read or heard that 'Speech is silver, but silence golden.' Is there not something like it? If not, we will make it."

Comrade Eastman, of Chicago, being then introduced said:

"Mrs. President and Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps: I occupy on this platform a novel position for me today. I have spoken before Conventions upon many different occasions and before public assemblages, but I find myself for the first time before a body of loyal women, holding up by their work the hands of the Grand Army of the Republic, and my tongue falters. I hardly know what to say, yet in my heart I feel just like what I sometimes sing when I see loyal women with the men of the G. A. R., 'Truly, mine eyes behold the coming of the Lord. [Applause.]

"It is a novel position for me. It take me back twenty-five years ago when a little boy I enlisted among the Green Mountain Hills of Vermont, with my mother praying over me. I know what the loyal women of '61 to '65 were, and I know what they have been since, and so to-day upon this platform. I say in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic, 'God-speed you in your work.' I welcome you at all times and in all places in connection with the G. A. R., at fraternal gatherings and meetings. [Applause.]

"With all sincerity I say to you, Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Illinois, the Grand Army will join you in all your laudable undertakings, as long as there is in existence a Department of Illinois, and will bid you Godspeed and uphold your hands in your good and Christian work. I thank you. [Applause.]

President--"Ladies, I have the pleasure of presenting to you Comrade H. S. Clark, of Mattoon.

Mr. Clark, of Mattoon: "Mrs. President and Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps: We do indeed bring greetings from that grand organization, the Grand Army of the Republic--

lie. What woman's heart does not beat in just pride in the bravery of man. Woman, the first in war, the first in peace, the first in the hearts of her countrymen. [Applause.]

"So long as the Grand Army of the Republic does exist, so long it is our hope and prayer, that as we meet from time to time, we will be able to appoint our meetings and extend to you the soldier's greeting so long as we all do live. [Applause.]

In response to the greetings, the President said: "Comrades, in behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Illinois, we thank you for your words of consolation and kindly greeting to this, our Eighth Annual Convention, and assure you that the loyal women of the Relief Corps stand ready to help the Grand Army of the Republic. We are pledged to help it, and we are ready at any time to assist you in anything which you can call upon us to do. I now present you with one of our Delegate badges as a souvenir of this Silver Anniversary."

The Comrades were then conducted to the door, the Convention favoring them with a song as they went out.

It was then announced to the President that the Tellers were ready to report.

Mrs. Spaulding having received the majority, it was moved by Mrs. Humrichouser, seconded by Mrs. Hopping, that her election be made unanimous. Carried.

President—"Mrs. Spaulding is duly elected Department Senior Vice President for the ensuing year."

Mrs. Spaulding—"Mrs. President and Ladies, Delegates to this Convention: I thank you very much, and shall endeavor to do my duty."

The Guard reported that Comrade Coulter was at the door.

He was admitted, conducted to the platform and addressed the Convention as follows:

"Mrs. President and Ladies of the Department of Illinois, I know that you are all vexed at the interruptions we men force upon you, but I wanted to say to you that yesterday I visited the Woman's Relief Corps of Indiana, last week the Department of Missouri and of Kansas, and felt that I could

not pass without having visited your Convention. Of course I did not have your Department password, therefore I could not be admitted in the regular way.

I want to say that on behalf of the good loyal women of Kansas I extend to you greetings, and bid you God speed in your noble work. The Woman's Relief Corps of Kansas has done more good work than any other Department in the universe. Illinois has done well, but Kansas has done better. I again want to say that our people bid you God speed in your noble efforts." [Applause.]

The President replied: "Comrade, I thank you in behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps for your visit, and for your words of cheer, and I present you with one of these badges as a souvenir of the Eighth Annual Convention, Department of Illinois."

Mrs Hovey played a musical selection while Comrade Coulter was conducted to the door, after which the President announced that the next in order was the nominations for Junior Vice President.

The following candidates were nominated, each nomination being properly supported:

Mrs. Mary S. Ballinger.

Mrs. Angie C. Beebe.

Mrs. Anna E. Moreland.

Mrs. Nannie Bell.

Mrs. Inez Bender moved that a recount of the delegates be made as a number had come in since the former ballot. Seconded by Mrs. Anna E. Morgan. Carried. Count taken.

The candidates were presented to the Convention with the exception of Mrs. Anna E. Moreland, who was not then present.

The President then said: "Ladies, prepare your ballots for Junior Vice President. Tellers will proceed to collect the ballots."

President then said: "Have all voted? If so, I declare the ballot closed."

Moved by Miss Jennie Bross that a committee be appointed to extend fraternal greetings to the Department Grand Army Encampment now in session and the committee go at once. Seconded by Mrs. Bradford, also Mrs. Flo Miller. Carried.

The President then appointed the following committee:

Mrs. Mary E. McCauley, Corps No. 25, Olney, chairman.

Mrs. Mary A. Bradley, Corps No. 4, Decatur.

Mrs. Inez J. Bender, Corps No. 64, Monticello.

Mrs. Mary J. Stadden, Corps No. 17, Springfield.

Mrs. Jennie B. Howison, Corps No. 108, Chicago.

It was moved by Mrs. M. I. Sandes, seconded by Mrs. Mary Stone, of No. 94, that Miss Jennie Bross be added to the committee. Miss Bross declined.

Mrs. Minniemeyer was appointed assistant teller in order to facilitate the counting of the votes.

The President declared the next business of the day to be the taking up of the committees' reports.

Mrs. Cobean, of Delavan, committee of one, appointed to visit the Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Normal, then read her report.

At its conclusion the President said: "You have heard the report of the committee on the Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Normal. What is your pleasure?"

Mrs. Flo Miller, of Monticello, moved that the Convention accept the report and have it spread upon the records, and return a vote of thanks to the committee who visited the Home. Seconded by Mrs. Anna E. Morgan. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. M. I. Sandes, of Chicago, seconded by Helen Bristol, of Quincy, that a full copy of the report of this committee be printed in the Decatur papers if it could be done without charge. Carried.

The tellers reported the result of the ballot on Junior Vice President. There being no choice the delegates were directed to prepare for a second ballot.

Mrs. Inez Bender reported that the committee had re-

turned from conveying greetings to the Grand Army, accompanied by three comrades.

Miss Bross moved that business be suspended at once and the comrades received. Mrs. Anna E. Morgan, of Monmouth, seconded the motion. Carried.

The Conductors were instructed to escort the comrades to the platform, presenting Dr. McKinney, Medical Director, Department G. A. R., Comrade Thistlewood and Comrade Harrah.

President—"Comrades, we extend to each of you a most cordial welcome. Ladies, salute."

Dr. McKinney was introduced by the President and addressed the Convention as follows:

"Mrs. President and Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Illinois: It is my pleasant duty to extend grateful thanks for the beautiful tribute of your devotion to the cause of the Grand Army of the Republic. Our Department accepts it, not for its intrinsic value so much, but in recognition of the fact that it comes from the loyal women of the State of Illinois.

"We see in that testimonial the ruby, the sapphire and the diamond; the colors of the grand old flag that we had the honor of following in the smoke of battle.

"We see in the red light of the ruby the true and brave blood of the loyal women of America. We see in the beautiful sapphire the fidelity of the hearts of American women, and in the clear white diamond the purity of noble purpose that impresses all the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps and all the loyal women of America who love their land. We see behind all that the silver, the same being the product of American mines, and that product being made into forms of use and beauty by American labor, but behind all that we see the beautiful devotion of the Woman's Relief Corps of this grand old State of Illinois." [Applause.]

Comrade Thistlewood was then introduced and said: "Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps: When I was spoken to a moment ago about coming over here on this committee, when they told me where it was, I immediately said I wanted

to go, and if there is any committee that comes in contact with the ladies I always like to serve on that committee. but when I came over here and found I was to come to the platform and face the ladies here from all over the State. I just—well, my knees they trembled, and I thought I would rather go back and fight with the enemy in battle again.

“You are coming right along, and you are discounting us in the management of your organization. In looking over the audience before me I see faces of mothers, daughters and wives of men who went to the front more than twenty-five years ago, men who dared for principle to turn their backs upon friends, upon wives, mothers and family, forsaking everything else, going to the front to stand firmly by the right.

“Ladies, I wish to extend our thanks also for the beautiful testimonial presented by the Woman's Relief Corps to the Grand Army of the Republic. I feel it an honor that I am privileged to be on the Committee to extend to the ladies here our thanks for the beautiful gavel, and as has been said, we prize it because it came from the hearts of our loyal, devoted women, engaged in the same principle that we are engaged in to-day. Ladies, we are all placed in the same position to-day. We are engaged in inculcating in the hearts of our children the principles of loyalty. We should be untiring, we should not falter in our duty to the men whom we left strewn along the line in following Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, Logan and other noble commanders, nor should we fail in attempting or using all honorable means to instill into the minds of the people the grand principle of loyalty.

“I would again thank you, ladies, and say to you in conclusion that I hope to have the pleasure of meeting with you in Springfield next year.” [Applause.]

President—“Comrades, in behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Illinois, we thank you for your kind words, and assure you that the little gift of the gavel does not half express the feeling of gratitude and respect which we have for the Grand Army of the Republic, and rest assured you

will always find the Woman's Relief Corps standing by to hold up and assist in carrying out any work which it may be called upon to do."

Badges were presented, and conductors escorted the gentlemen to the door.

Mrs. Stadden—"Ladies, I extend to you a welcome to Springfield next year. We may not be able to do as well by you as you have done by us, but we will welcome you heartily."

The tellers returned with the result of the second ballot for the Junior Vice President.

Neither lady receiving a majority, and Mrs. Ballinger receiving the greatest number, Mrs. Bell withdrew from the contest in favor of Mrs. Ballinger.

Mrs. Beeby withdrew her name from before the Convention.

Mrs. Blackmore said: "As Mrs. Moreland is not present, I think I would be doing her an act of injustice to allow her name to remain longer in the contest, and I therefore withdraw it."

Mrs. Morgan moved that the vote for Mrs. Ballinger be made unanimous. Seconded by Mrs. Miller. Carried.

Mrs. Ballinger said: "I thank you, ladies, for your kindness, and I will discharge my duties to the Department."

Motion made by Mrs. Morgan that Mrs. Miller's report be read at the beginning of the afternoon session. Seconded by several. Carried.

Mrs. Bradford moved that the Convention adjourn until 1:30 p. m. Seconded by several. Carried.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention was called to order at 1:30 p. m. Guard instructed to secure the door; the Conductors to take the password.

Mrs. Inez Bender moved that the Convention proceed to elect a Treasurer, leaving the reading of Mrs. Miller's report until the ballot was being counted. Seconded by Mrs. Whitney, of Chicago. Carried.

President—"Nominations for Treasurer are now in order."

Miss Jennie Bross—"I take great pleasure in presenting for this office Miss Ada Carlton, of Bloomington, Ill., who has served us for a long time." Seconded by Mrs. Mary E. McCauley.

Mrs. Humrichouser nominated Mrs. Carrie C. Tinkham, of Homer. Properly seconded.

Mrs. H. R. Woodruff was also nominated, the nomination being seconded by Mrs. Busey, of Urbana Corps 160. Mrs. Woodruff declined.

Nominations declared closed, and delegates instructed to prepare their ballots for Department Treasurer.

The President then appointed Mrs. M. I. Sandes, of Chicago, to act as teller.

Ballot declared closed, and the tellers retired to count the votes.

Mrs. Flo Miller, then read her report on the "Flag Bill."

At the conclusion of Mrs. Miller's report, the President said:

"You have heard the report—what is your pleasure?"

Moved by Mrs. Linscott that the report be received and spread upon the records of the Convention, a vote of thanks

extended and committee continued. Seconded by Miss Cleveland and others.

Miss Cleveland being employed in the State House, offered to assist the Committee whenever called upon. Mrs. Linscott's motion was carried.

The Committee on Resolutions relative to the death of Mrs. I. C. Pugh, Dunham Relief Corps No. 4, being ready to report, the Chairman came forward and read as follows:

WHEREAS, In the death of Mrs. Elvira E. Pugh, Dunham W. R. C. No. 4 has lost from its midst a cherished and beloved member. As she is now at rest,

Resolved, That the members of the Woman's Relief Corps Convention, now assembled, tender to the bereaved family their heartfelt sympathy.

“What comfort when, with clouds of war
The heart is burdened, and must weep
To feel that pain must end—to know
He giveth his beloved sleep.”

JULIA G. SINE,
SUE M. SIMPSON,
Committee.

At the conclusion of the reading of the resolution by Mrs. Sine, the President said:

“You have heard the report of the Committee—what is your pleasure regarding it?”

Motion by Mrs. Spaulding that it be accepted and placed upon record. Seconded by Mrs. Rowley, of Corps No. 77. Carried.

Just here Mrs. Sine handed the President an old badge, saying that perhaps the ladies would like to see it.

Mrs. Leaverton held up the badge that all might see it, and said:

“Ladies, this is a Department President's badge, such as was used in the first year of our organization. It is of red, white and blue ribbon, with crossed gavels. The Secretary's badge was blue ribbon, with pens crossing it. The Treasurer's badge was blue ribbon, with keys crossed. The Chaplain's badge was of white ribbon, with merely a Cross. The Con-

ductor's badge was red, white and blue ribbon, with the letter 'C.' The Guard's badge was of red, white and blue ribbon, with the letter 'G.'

The Department officers' badges were of velvet, and those of the Corps, silk, with a plain bar pin at the top and gilt fringe at bottom.

The Floor badges were simply red, white and blue ribbon. The badge now in use was adopted at the second National Convention held at Minneapolis in July, 1884.

Mrs. Leaverton further said that Corps No. 5 had a full set of these old badges framed and hung up in the hall, but when the building was burned they were destroyed.

A delegate from Corps No. 30 reported that that Corps had a full set of these badges. A delegate from Corps No. 13, Chillicothe also reported a full set of same.

"Mrs. Leaverton replied: "I am glad to hear it. They will be wanted no doubt to file as relics."

The Secretary here said: "Yesterday the Ladies' Aid Society presented the Convention with a bouquet and poem. There has been no action taken and I think some one should see that something is done. A vote of thanks should be returned at least."

Moved by Mrs. Jennie B. Howison that a vote of thanks be returned to the giver. Seconded by Mrs. Craig. Carried.

Telegrams of condolence sent to Mrs. Ellen A. Brydges and Mrs. C. E. Newbern were read.

At 2 o'clock p. m., as the bell began tolling, the President called the members and delegates present to their feet, and a period of a few minutes was devoted to silent prayer as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. I. C. Pugh, who was a member of Dunham Relief Corps, No. 4, of Decatur, Ill., and whose funeral occurred at the First Methodist church at Decatur.

The tellers returned with the result of the ballot for Treasurer.

Miss Ada Carlton receiving a large majority was declared Department Treasurer for the coming year.

Miss Carlton—"I thank the ladies very much. I will try and do my duty in future as I have tried to in the past."

The President next declared nominations for Department Chaplain in order.

Mrs. Mary E. McCauley, of Olney, said: "I take pleasure in nominating Mrs. Electa Finlay, of Quincy, Past President of Corps No. 47." Properly seconded.

Mrs. Marilla Ward nominated Mrs. Sophie Linscott, of Corps No. 92. Supported by Maria Watson.

Nominations declared closed by the President.

Ballots collected and tellers retired to count the votes.

The question of the Home for Insane Soldiers was brought up before the Convention by the President, she reminding the delegates that they had voted to lay the matter before the Grand Army Encampment, and asked: "What is your pleasure in regard to it?"

Mrs. Inez J. Bender moved that a committee be appointed to lay the matter before the G. A. R. Seconded by Miss Amanda Clarkson. Carried.

The President then named as the Committee to act in this matter the following ladies:

Mrs. Wilson, of Lincoln, Corps No. 118, arose, desiring to make a few remarks in regard to the case of Rosa Berryman, stating as to the amount of interest she had taken in the matter, and why, as Mrs. Electa Finlay had in her letter referring to the subject, made special mention of Mrs. Wilson.

The tellers here returned with the result of ballot on Department Chaplain.

Mrs. Finlay having received the majority of votes was declared Department Chaplain for the ensuing year.

President—"Nominations are now in order for the Executive Board. Five to be elected. What is your pleasure? Will you ballot separately or collectively?"

It was moved by Mrs. Jennie B. Howison, seconded by Mrs. Inez J. Bender, that the nominations be received, and that

the five persons receiving the highest number of votes be elected as members of the Executive Board. Carried.

The following candidates were nominated, each nomination being properly supported :

Julia G. Sine.

Mrs. Hubbard.

Mrs. Bradford.

Mrs. M. A. Damon.

Mrs. Sue A. Sanders.

Mrs. Hattie E. Church.

Mrs. D. A. Leaverton.

Mrs. Dell A. Clark.

Mrs. M. L. Martin.

Miss Josephine P. Cleveland.

Nomination declared closed. Candidates presented to the Convention by the Senior Vice President, Miss Jennie Bross.

Tellers retired to count the votes.

Mrs. Bradford, chairman of the committee appointed to answer greetings to different parties presented her report; also made the following motion:

"I move that the newly elected President be authorized to extend greetings by this Convention to other Conventions now in session, and those that will convene this week, next week and the week after. Seconded by Mrs. Humrichouser. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Flo Miller that Mrs. Bradley's bill of \$1.55 for sending telegrams be approved and paid. Seconded by Miss Bross. Carried.

Mrs. Miller explained that the telegrams of Condolence were \$1.10, which she paid.

Miss Bross asked if that bill was for the cost of sending telegrams on the first day of the Convention, and moved that it be approved and paid. Seconded by Mrs. Anna E. Morgan. Carried.

Miss Cleveland, as chairman of the committee to present to the Legislature a resolution concerning the girls in the Soldiers' Orphans' Home read her report.

At the conclusion of which the President said: "You have heard the report. What will you do with it?"

Mrs. Whitney, of Chicago, moved that the report be accepted and spread upon the records. Seconded by Mrs. Mary Ballinger, of Corps No. 108, Chicago. Carried.

Mrs. Bradford read the report on Monument to be erected at the Soldiers' and Sailors Home, saying she was sorry to present it without the signature of Mrs. Follensbee, but that lady had been unavoidably detained at home.

President—"You have heard the report of the Committee on the Monument. What will you do with the report?"

Mrs. Whitney, of Chicago, moved that it be accepted and spread upon the records, and the Committee continued. Seconded by Mrs. Bell, of Springfield. Quite a discussion took place over this matter, Mrs. Severn, of Joliet, saying she thought Quincy should erect her own monument, that Joliet had done so. Mrs. Bradford then explained that the monument was not to be erected at Quincy, but at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home. Motion carried.

Mrs. Sue A. Sanders then began her report as Chairman of Committee on resolutions, desiring to know whether the resolutions would be acted upon separately.

Motion by Mrs. Carrie Tinkham that the resolutions be acted upon separately. Seconded by Mrs. Craig. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Bradford, seconded by Mrs. Weston, that the report of Committee on resolution No. 1 be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Bradford, seconded by Mrs. Bell, that report of committee on Resolution No 2 be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Miss Cleveland, seconded by Mrs. Pitkin, that report of Committee on Resolution No. 3 be adopted.

A discussion arose here in regard to this resolution. Mrs. Miller recommended that it be changed to read "One in every forty instead of every fifty," also that the part stating that the "Expense of the delegates may be paid by the Corps," be stricken out. Quite a discussion took place, several of the

delegates giving their views, but the amendment as proposed by Mrs. Miller above, was put in the form of a motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Mary Davisson, and carried. Resolution as amended was adopted.

Moved by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Harrall, that the report of the Committee on Resolution No. 4 be adopted. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the Committee's recommendation on Resolution No. 5 be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Weston, seconded by Mrs. Inez J. Bender, that the report of the Committee on Resolution No. 6 be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Mary E. McCauley, seconded by Mrs. Julia G. Sine, that report of Committee on Resolution No. 7 be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Helen M. Ives, seconded by Mrs. Bell that the report of the Committee on Resolution No. 8 be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Sine, seconded by Mrs. Bell, that report of Committee on Resolution No. 9 be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Inez Bender, seconded by Mrs. Strang, that the report of the Committee on Resolution No. 10 be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Mary Davisson, seconded by Mrs. Bowra, that the report of Committee on Resolution No. 11 be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Inez Bender, seconded by Mrs. Miller that the report of the Committee on Resolution No. 12 be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. Pitkin moved that the report of the Committee on Resolution No. 13 be sustained by the Convention. Seconded by Mrs. Humrichouser. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Sine and seconded that report of Committee on Resolution No. 14 be adopted. Carried.

Tellers returned with result of ballot for members of Executive Board.

The following ladies were elected members of the Executive Board for the ensuing year:

Mrs. Julia G. Sine, Ravensville.

Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton, Palestine.

Mrs. Flo Miller, Monticello.

Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, Taylorville.

Mrs. Hattie E. Church, Cairo.

President—"Nominations for delegate at large to the Ninth National Convention are now in order."

Mrs. Flo Miller made a few remarks to the Convention in regard to electing delegates to the National Convention, stating that it was important that such persons be elected as would go and remain until the whole of the proceedings was over, unless circumstances were such that it was utterly impossible. She said that at the last National Convention if all voters had been there we would have been entitled to seventeen votes. There were three utterly unable to be there as they were detained at the boarding houses by sickness after arrival, and she thought the delegate to the National Convention should pledge herself to go there and stay until it was over.

Mrs. Bradford nominated Miss Josephine P. Cleveland as delegate at large. Seconded by Mrs. Stadden.

Mrs. Harwood nominated Mrs. Loraine J. Pitkin.

Mrs. Pitkin declined the nomination.

Mrs. Mary E. McCauley nominated Miss Jennie Bross. Seconded by Mrs. Sandes and Mrs. Stone.

Nominations declared closed by President.

Mrs. Pitkin addressed the President, stating that Comrade F. C. Vereling was at the door with a message and would like to be received. She moved that business be suspended at once and the gentleman be received. Seconded by Mrs. Martha J. Bean. Carried.

Mr. Vereling was conducted to the platform and addressed the Convention as follows:

"Ladies, I merely want to say a word in regard to the

Illinois Woman's Soldiers' Home Association. We have passed a resolution to give it all the encouragement we can, and in this connection I would say that we now have a positive promise of five acres of land and we hope soon to get the same gentleman to give us five additional acres. There is a house of sixteen rooms on this land, which can be made into about thirty at an expense of \$1,000.

"Our women have taken active hold of the matter and I hope the Corps will see fit to give it their assistance.

"I know you are a busy people, therefore I will not detain you longer."

President said: "Comrade we are glad for your visit. You can assure the Grand Army of the Republic that we are willing to assist in anything they may approve."

Mr. Vereling was accompanied by Comrades Leander Haynes and George S. Howison, both of Chicago.

Badges of the Eighth Annual Convention were presented each of the comrades after which they retired.

Miss Bross moved that Resolution No. 17 be laid on the table until a later one was presented. Seconded by Mrs. Wilson. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Severn, that report of committee on Resolution No. 18 be adopted. Carried.

The tellers now returned with the result of ballot for delegate at large.

Miss Bross having received a majority was declared by the President to be the delegate at large, elected for the Ninth National Convention. [Hearty applause.]

Miss Bross said a few words thanking the ladies for their kindness and expressing her willingness to do the best she could.

Miss Cleveland moved that Miss Bross' election be made unanimous. Seconded by several. Carried.

The President next declared that nominations were in order for delegates and alternates to the National Convention.

Moved by Miss Bross that they be balloted for collectively, instead of separately. Seconded by Mrs. Eldred. Carried.

President—"Illinois is entitled to eight elected delegates and alternates besides delegate and alternate at large.

The following nominations were made and properly supported:

Mrs. Eldred, Corps No. 36.
Mrs. Oldroyd, Corps No. 17.
Mrs. Stitsel, Corps No. 33.
Mrs. Simpson, Corps No. 12.
Mrs. Cluett, Corps No. 81.
Mrs. Anna Jenkins, Corps No. 14.
Mrs. Dell A. Clark, Corps No. 12.
Mrs. Shelhamer, Corps No. 73.
Mrs. Hamrichouser, Corps No. 119.
Mrs. Andrews, Corps No. 3.
Mrs. Blackmore, Corps No. 15.
Miss Cleveland, Corps No. 17.
Mrs. McGowan, Corps No. 92.
Mrs. Wilson, Corps No. 118.
Mrs. Bowra, Corps No. 108.
Mrs. Miller, Corps No. 64.
Mrs. Jane Craver, Corps No. 65.
Mrs. Carrie C. Tinkham, Corps No. 69.
Mrs. Briggs, Corps No. 35.
Mrs. Walker, Corps No. 64.
Mrs. Stewart, Corps No. 88.
Mrs. Outland, Corps No. 138.

Nominations declared closed by President and tellers retired to count the ballots.

Moved by Mrs. Sine that report of committee on Resolution No. 19 be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Miller. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Morgan, seconded by Mrs. Miller, that report of committee on Resolution No. 20 be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Sine, seconded by Mrs. Miller that report of committee on Resolution No. 21 be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. Eva M. Smith—"Mrs. President, the committee on officers reports is ready to report."

Mrs. E. M. Smith, chairman of committee, then read the report.

Moved by Mrs. Miller that report be adopted as read. Seconded by Mrs. Strang. Carried.

Mrs. Emma R. Wallace, of Chicago, stated that she noted a recommendation with reference to the Columbian Exposition and as one of the lady managers desired to offer this Department her best effort if called upon.

President then called attention to the resolution in regard to the Illinois Woman's Soldiers' Home Association which had been laid upon the table until such time as the officers reports were read, when it could be taken up.

Moved and seconded that it be taken off the table. Carried.

Mrs. Miller then moved that the resolution referred to by the President be taken up the first thing in night session and acted upon the same as other resolutions. Seconded by Miss Bross. Carried.

Mrs. Bradley then read her report relative to the South Dakota case.

Mrs. McCauley moved that the report be accepted and placed upon record. Seconded by Mrs. Howison. Carried.

The report of the Matron of the Hospital of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home was then brought up and the Secretary instructed to read it.

Mrs. Severn, of Joliet moved that only a part of it be read. Seconded by Miss Bross.

It was then proposed as an amendment to this motion that none of the report be read owing to the limited time, but that it be printed in full in the minutes.

The amendment was accepted. Motion carried.

Mrs. Flo Miller, of Ponticello, addressed the Convention at some length upon the subject of decorating the graves of Union soldiers in Tennessee, suggesting that the incoming President prepare a General Order to be sent out to all the

Corps before Memorial Day, asking that contributions of money be sent there to enable the G. A. R. Post at Nashville, Tenn., to attend to the matter. Mrs. Miller stated that the contributions could be sent to S. O. Merrill, Commander Sheridan Post No. 67, G. A. R., Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Miller's idea was put in the form of a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Means, No. 108. Motion put before the house.

Mrs. Bradford moved as an amendment that the words "Circular Letter" supply the place of "General Order," also that it be left optional with the different Corps as to what the contributions should consist of. The amendment was accepted by Mrs. Miller. Motion carried.

The tellers then came in with the result of the ballot for delegates and alternates elected to the Ninth National Convention which was as follows:

DELEGATES.

Mrs. Lida Oldroyd, Corps No. 17.
Mrs. Mary Eldred, Corps No. 36.
Mrs. Flo Miller, Corps No. 64.
Miss Anna Stewart, Corps No. 88.
Mrs. Carrie C. Tinkham, Corps No. 69.
Miss J. P. Cleveland, Corps No. 17.
Mrs. Sue M. Simpson, Corps No. 12.
Mrs. Helen F. Bristol, Corps No. 47.

ALTERNATES.

Mrs. Lizzie Blackmore, Alternate at large.
Mrs. Maria Cluett, Corps No. 81.
Mrs. Lizzie Shelhamer, Corps No. 73.
Mrs. Dell A. Clark, Corps No. 12.
Mrs. Salome Wilson, Corps No. 118.
Mrs. Martha Humrichouser, Corps No. 119.
Mrs. Carrie Briggs, Corps No. 35.
Mrs. Nellie Stitsil, Corps No. 33.
Mrs. Nettie McGowan, Corps 92.

The question as to amount still due on gavel came up here,

Mrs. Bender—"I move that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for a sum sufficient to finish paying for the gavel." Seconded by Mrs. Flo Miller. Carried.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Humrichouser that the Convention adjourn until 8 o'clock p. m. Seconded by Mrs. Morgan. Carried.

FRIDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Convention was called to order at 8:15 p. m. Guard instructed to secure the door, and Conductors to take up the password.

Mrs. Bradford made a motion that the Installing Officer obligate the Senior Vice President, Mrs. Mary S. Ballinger, as her train would leave shortly, and she desired to go home with her party. Seconded and carried.

Department Installing Officer being absent, the President requested Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, National Installing Officer, to come to the platform.

The Conductor was then instructed to present the Senior Vice President elect, who was duly obligated.

The Guard announced Commander Distin and Comrade Clokey. Mrs. Mary E. McCauley moved that business be at once suspended and the Comrades brought in. Seconded by Mrs. Julia G. Sine. Carried.

The Conductors escorted the visitors in and presented them to the President.

President—"Comrades, we welcome you to this, our Eighth Department Convention. Conductors, escort the Comrades to the platform. Ladies, salute."

When the Convention was seated, Mrs. Leaverton said: "I take pleasure in presenting to you Col. William L. Distin, now Past Commander of the Department of Illinois, G. A. R."

Commander Distin addressed the Convention as follows: "Mrs. President and Ladies of Illinois: If at any time during this Encampment I have felt a thrill of honest pride, it is at this present moment. I tell you this merely as a fitting compliment of the deep regard I have for your organization. Ladies, it is a good work in which you are engaged, and your Order is a grand one. In my mind the Woman's Relief Corps

is second only to the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

"My voice is so weak I cannot talk, but I will just say I wish you all the success in the world, and from the present indications you have it." [Applause.]

Comrade Clokey was then presented to the Convention by the President, and made the following remarks:

"Mrs. President and Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps: It has been my pleasure to enjoy the courtesy of this greeting with Commander Distin. During the week (being a resident of Decatur,) you can well imagine I have been very busy. We had no small undertaking to prepare for the carrying out of plans necessary for such a grand gathering as we have had here this week, so at this late hour, late as it may be, this is the first opportunity, the first moment, in fact, that I have had to give myself the pleasure of calling to pay my respects to your Order.

"It has been a matter of thought with me, rather more of deep feeling, the fact that you were to be here, that you were here, and were in deep sympathy with the work being accomplished by the Encampment. It has been my desire to see the ladies in this assemblage, and I thank you for the grand greetings which you have extended to us, though we have called so late.

"As Commander Distin says, 'Yours is a noble Order.' Your work is a magnificent work, not only the work that has been accomplished, but that which is before you.

"I remember riding down to Quincy a year ago. I met one of your ladies on the train, and formed her acquaintance. I found her to be a most delightful lady. It was my pleasure to extend to her some little assistance in reaching the place of Encampment. My conversation with her has lingered with me as a most pleasant one. Among other remarks she made was this: 'Your order has a time when it shall cease. There is to your Order a limit—a limit to its existence. Your Order is being depleted, while ours is increasing.' That is a fact, and possibly but few of you realize this fact that while in the

twenty-six years that have passed many have gone, and that within the next twenty-five years, possibly all will have passed away. You can scarcely realize how that thought has been before me, even in our little city since you have been here. A dear sister, a brave mother, Mrs. I. C. Pugh, died while you were gathering here. Comrade Lindsey, of Post No. 1, died night before last, and another brave old soldier passed away while the Comrades were gathering for the great parade. Three, one might say, three old Comrades laid away in their last resting places from this little city.

"It is a fact our work will soon have ceased. Possibly the very youngest of us, those who, as beardless boys, went into service during the latter part of the war, some of us may live to celebrate the Golden Anniversary of the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, but there will be few of us, but the Woman's Relief Corps can grow. Your mission can live on.

"I did not come here to take up your time, but to thank you for your presence, and express to you our pleasure at your having made Decatur your abiding place for this week for the purpose of expressing the hope that you have enjoyed yourselves while here. We have, who live here. I come to thank you for all your grand greetings, and for whatever kind of work you may have done in reference to the Memorial Hall, which is a subject that is very near my heart. I have not yet been advised of your action.

"We come to thank you for your kind interest and profers of help in this grand undertaking, and trust whatever action you have taken will meet with hearty endorsement, in fact I know it will, in your next National Convention.

"I come to thank you in behalf of the citizens of Decatur for the honor you have conferred upon our city by electing one of our number as your next Department President.

"We feel honored that you are with us, and while you linger here feel that Decatur is your home, and that our homes and hearts are open to you.

"This work which you are doing here will continue. It

will increase from day to day and year to year, until the last soldier has closed his eyes in death.

"It is a pleasant thought to old comrades that they have the sympathy of their wives, mothers, sisters, neighbors and friends, so that come adversity, come age, decrepitude and sorrows of any kind, they do not stand alone, left without home and friend, but that they have in the Woman's Relief Corps an army of friends who will see that their last hours are hours of peace, and who, when they lie down in their last sleep, and leave wives, or children are ready and waiting with loyal, loving hearts, anxious for the privilege of extending sympathy and charity.

"Our motto that we love to repeat, 'Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,' is the prompting of your lives. Your motto is ours, and God bless you, ladies, in your grand work. I am sure that heaven is full of blessings for the noble women of the Relief Corps, and that the crowns waiting them are jeweled brilliantly, more brilliantly perhaps than those awaiting any one else. God bless you again Mrs. President, and women of the Relief Corps." [Applause.]

Mrs. Leaverton replied as follow: "We thank you for your cordial greeting, and for your precious words of encouragement. We deeply appreciate them. You will find the Woman's Relief Corps composed of loyal woman who stand ready to assist the Grand Army of the Republic in anything they may be called upon to do. (Comrade Distin, you will never know how much encouragement your words as Department Commander have given us during the year. On behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps I now present each of you with a delegates badge as a sovenir of this, our Eighth Annual Convention.)

The gentlemen were escorted to the door by the Conductors, Mrs. Hoovey playing a selection of patriotic music as they passed down the aisle.

The question as to a home for aged soldiers, their wives, etc., as per resolution brought before the Council by Mrs.

Harral (See Sec. 2 Council minutes), was brought before the Convention.

Mrs. Pitkin said: "Is this matter brought before the Convention for discussion at last? I would ask that Mrs. Wallace be allowed to present the matter to you, and explain it in all its bearings, stating just what kind of a home it is, and what she would like to have the Convention do."

*Mrs. Wallhee then addressed the Convention at great length, explaining in detail just what the home was, where it was, and the interest that had been manifested in it by the ladies in Chicago.

At the conclusion of her remarks a great many delegates spoke upon the subject, among them Mrs. Howison, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Tinkham, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Sine, Mrs. Pitkin, Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Leaverton, Mrs. Sandes and Mrs. Amanda Clarkson. A motion was made that the Convention endorse the movement. Seconded by several. Carried.

Mrs. Wallace moved that a vote of thanks be extended to the thoughtful committee which had allowed the Convention the privilege of presenting the beautiful gavel to the Grand Army. Seconded by Mrs. Miller. Carried.

Mrs. Inez Bender then moved that Mrs. Tinkham's resolution, laid on the table until after the officers' reports were read on the subject referred to therein, be taken up. Seconded by Mrs. McCauley. Carried.

Mrs. Bradley asked for instructions in regard to the Home, stating that she thought the Convention should adopt a plan of action, concluding with, "I move that this Convention adopt a plan of action." Seconded by Mrs. Inez Bender. Carried.

Mrs. Inez Bender then said: "I now move that the incoming President be empowered to appoint a Committee to furnish a plan for pushing this work, and submit the same to the President within three months." Seconded by Mrs. Clark.

*Owing to a misunderstanding speeches concerning Illinois Women's Soldiers' Home Association were not taken by stenographer.

Motion by Mrs. Strang, and properly seconded, that this motion be laid upon the table. Carried.

Miss Cleveland moved that the Convention send greetings to Mrs. Minnie Kyle, by Mrs. Julia G. Sine, expressing regret that she was unable to be present; also to say to her that she had been missed, as it was the first Convention she had failed to attend. Seconded by Mrs. Howison. Carried.

Mrs. Sanders was requested to make a report on the Sucker badge, which she did as follows:

MRS. MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN, Department Secretary Woman's Relief Corps of Illinois.

DEAR MADAM:—As Committee to further the enterprise of the Sucker badge, adopted at the last Department Convention, I beg leave to present the following report:

As the patentee of the die, also the manufacturer, would not manufacture less than a one thousand dollar order, and as I was unwilling to assume the responsibility of placing our Department under a \$500.00 indebtedness in consideration of the fact that only thirty-five of these badges had been ordered by the Corps of our Department, I took no further steps toward procuring the same. Although the fulfillment of my duty as the Committee may to some seem a little neglected, I trust the members of the Eighth Department Convention may bear me out in my acts, which I conscientiously believe were for the best interests of our Order.

I am in F., C. and L.,

SUE A. SANDERS.

Committee on Sucker Badge.

Mrs. Sue A. Sanders report was accepted.

Mrs. McCauley, as Chairman of Committee on Greetings to the Grand Army, was requested to report or give her address of "greetings" to the Convention. Mrs. McCauley asked to be excused.

Mrs. Bradford—"We have heard such favorable reports of the address of the Chairman that we all wish to listen to it; but it being so late, I move that Mrs. McCauley's request be

granted, and that the address be printed in the Journal. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Miller moved that hereafter, when sending out or preparing a Journal of the Department of Illinois W. R. C., that the picture or portrait of the retiring Department President appear in the Journal. Seconded by Mrs. Sanders. Carried.

Mrs. Sine moved that the incoming President appoint a Department Corresponding Secretary. Seconded by Mrs. Wilson. Carried.

Mrs. Miller moved that they proceed to install the officers. Seconded by Mrs. Bradford. Carried.

Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, National I. and I. Officer, installed the following officers:

Mrs. Mary A. Bradley, Department President, Decatur.

Mrs. Sophie Spaulding, Senior Vice President, Rockford.

Mrs. Mary S. Ballenger, Junior Vice President, Chicago.

Miss Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, Bloomington.

Mrs. Electa Finlay, Department Chaplain, Quincy.

(The Senior Vice President was not installed at the time the officers were, as she had left for her home, as previously stated.)

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Mrs. Julia G. Sine.

Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton.

Mrs. Flo Miller.

Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford.

Mrs. Hattie E. Church had departed for home before the installation.

The Department President, Mrs. Mary A. Bradley, made the following appointments.

Department Counselor, Sallie J. Steele, Decatur.

Department Inspector, Mrs. Mary E. McCauley.

Department I. and I. officer, Mrs. M. L. Martin, Palestine.

Mrs. Bradley stated that she was not prepared to say who

the Department Secretary would be, as she would require a little more time.

Mrs. Sallie J. Steele declined the office of Counselor.

Mrs. Bradley then addressed the Convention as follows: "Members of the Woman's Relief Corps: It is not my purpose to make a long speech on this occasion. I only wish to say that there were one or two little rumors afloat yesterday, one being that I was in no way related to the soldier. But I happen to be. I have the soldiers interest at heart, as my long term of service in my own Corps should prove to you. I have served in that Corps one year as Treasurer, one as Conductor and three as President.

"Since I have been in the room here, another matter has occurred to me that had almost gone out of my memory. It came back to me this week.

"As I said a great many 'first things' emanated from Decatur. The first meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps that I know anything about in this State was the one some months before the National Convention at Denver, in which the Woman's Relief Corps work was endorsed in the paper, and a little notice was inserted calling for all friends of the soldier to meet at the Post Hall on the old square.

"We knew nothing about the matter, but went to the meeting, and when we reached the hall found gathered there men women and children. I was called upon to preside, and did so with fear and trembling. I did not know until I was placed in the chair what the object of the meeting was and did not know what to do or say, or how to act.

"All persons interested in the G. A. R. endorsed the Woman's Relief Corps, and adopted a set of resolutions to send on to the National Convention at Denver.

"This occurred to me during the week, as we were talking of the 'first things' that happened in Decatur."

Mrs. Mary E. McCauley—"Past Department President, as a testimonial of our regard I present you with this diamond attached to the gold badge presented last year; also the gold shield, which, when suspended from the bar of the badge, de-

notes past rank. I am sorry it came so late, when the delegates are so nearly all gone, as I am sure they would have liked to witness it. We all appreciate and love you, Mrs. Leaverton, for what you have done for our Order, and on behalf of the Department of Illinois I take pleasure in decorating you with this, the Past President's badge."

Mrs. Leaverton replied: "Ladies of the Convention, on your return to your homes I wish you to state to your Corps that I thank them for their kindness to me. I thank you, ladies, for your good wishes, and for presenting me with this beautiful gift. I shall truly appreciate it, and when I look upon it I shall think of my many kind friends and the fraternal greetings I have received from them during the past two years. Ladies, I thank you."

Mrs. Bradley said: "Is there anything else to come before the Convention?"

It was suggested that the stenographer present her bill for services rendered. Question arose as to whether the Department should pay for the work, or whether Dunham Relief Corps would. Miss Cleveland thought the Department should pay for Department work. It was moved and seconded that the stenographer render bill for her services, but she was unable to do this on account of not having done work of that kind before, and did not know what charge should be made.

Mrs. Webber recommended that the stenographer be paid fifty dollars, saying she felt sure the work was worth that much. That amount being satisfactory, the Secretary was instructed to write an order on the Treasurer for the same.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that the minutes of last three sessions of Convention be corrected and approved by the Department Council.

Department Council was called to meet at the Brunswick at 9:00 a. m., Saturday, April 11th.

Mrs. Bradley—"If there is nothing further, a motion to adjourn is in order."

Moved and seconded that Convention adjourn. Carried.

MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN,
Department Secretary.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The arrangements for the Eighth Annual Convention were placed in the hands of the ladies of Corps No. 4 of Decatur. Through their efforts the First Presbyterian Church was secured for the Convention, and the Brunswick hotel for Department President's Headquarters.

The interior of both the church and hotel presented a beautiful appearance, and the decorations, consisting of plants and the National colors, did credit to the ladies of Corps No. 4.

On Tuesday evening Dunham Relief Corps, No. 4, gave a reception in the Opera House to the delegates and visiting members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C., which was a most delightful affair. Mrs. Mary A. Bradley, of Corps No. 4, presided. Rev. Sophie Gibb, pastor of the Universalist church, invoked the Divine blessing. The choir followed with a song "Friendship, Love and Song."

THE CITY'S WELCOME.

Ex-Senator W. C. Johns was introduced to deliver the address of welcome for Decatur, in place of Mayor Kanan, who was unavoidably absent, presiding at Post 141.

The speaker welcomed the delegates and visitors in glowing words of cordiality. The Woman's Relief Corps, like the G. A. R., was not a political organization.

On this day thirty-one years ago Uncle Johnny Hanks, uncle of Abraham Lincoln, marched into a convention tent in this city, bearing rails split by Lincoln. In this city Lincoln was first named for President of the United States. Here Lincoln once lived. Here Grant's regiment was formed in part. In this town the Grand Army of the Republic was organized. This is hallowed, historic ground. We may be pardoned for referring to these facts.

We welcome you to our city.

If you want to take the town, I am authorized by the Mayor to say take it. [Applause.] If there is anything you want, take it. May your deliberations be pleasant and profitable. Again I bid you welcome. [Applause.]

CORPS WELCOME.

Mrs. Sallie J. Steele, Past Corps President of No. 4, Past Senior Vice President of the Department and Past Assistant National Inspector, on behalf of Dunham Woman's Relief Corps No. 4, delivered the address of welcome to the guests of the city and organization.

"Mrs. President, Officers and members of the Woman's Relief Corps of Illinois, Visitors from other Departments and Comrades of the Grand Army:

"In behalf of Dunham Relief Corps No. 4, I take great pleasure in extending to you, one and all, a most cordial welcome to our hearts and homes,

"While we unite with our honored comrades in the celebration of the Twenty-fifth anniversary of the birth of the Grand Army of the Republic, let us not forget that Decatur is also the birth-place of the Department of Illinois Woman's Relief Corps.

"It was here on the 30th day of January, 1884, that our honored and lamented Lois W. S. Holbrook, of Toledo, Ohio, in response to an invitation from Rockford, Henry, Elgin, Decatur and Palestine Corps, and acting under the authority of the National W. R. C., met seventeen delegates from the five Corps named and organized this Department. We elected as our first President Mrs. Julia G. Sine, of Rockford who is with us this evening.

There are other members present who assisted in the organization of this Department, Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton, of Palestine, who, no doubt remembers that a visiting committee consisting of Comrades Richard J. Oglesby, J. A. McClelland and R. B. Beath then Commander-in-Chief the Grand Army, and others from the G. A. R. Encampment, then in session at Decatur, was admitted to our Convention, and expressed the

opinion that the organization of the Woman's Relief was an omen of great good; that the G. A. R. stood in need of the co-operation of all loyal women.

"Encouraged as we have been by the Grand Army, under the leadership of patriotic, noble women, our Order has grown very rapidly. There have been 174 Corps organized, 160 of which are in good standing with a membership of nearly six thousand in this Department alone.

By persistent effort and personal sacrifice in giving various kinds of entertainments, we have raised and expended thousands of dollars for the relief of worthy soldiers and their families, who through sickness or other misfortunes have been rendered unable to provide for themselves the necessities of life. Their pensions still waiting for an affidavit, which, alas! often comes too late. The number of soldiers is rapidly decreasing. Daily, I may say hourly, our heart-strings are touched with a thrill of sadness at the loss of a Grant, Logan, Sheridan, Sherman, or some other, who although he may not have been a leader, was equally as true a defender of the Union and the flag of our country.

Through the efforts of the Woman's Relief Corps this grand old flag has been placed on every school house, and rising generations are being taught patriotism and love of country which will be handed down from generation to generation.

'And tho' many years may pass, yet time will bring the day.
When the last old comrad : left shall be sadly laid away.'

"Then our mission as auxiliary to the Grand Army will have been fulfilled.

"To the sons and daughters of veterans we will leave the the sacred duty of perpetuating the principles to which this organization stands pledged.

"In their efforts for the erection of a National Memorial Hall at the birth-place of the Order, in which may be placed for preservation its records, trophies relics, and whatever will illustrate its glorious history, the Grand Army of the Republic will receive the hearty co-operation of the Woman's Relief Corps.

"To-day the silent messenger of death has called from our ranks our most aged and one of our most beloved and honored members, Mrs. Elvira E. Pugh, widow of the late General I. C. Pugh, whose loyalty and patriotism knew no bounds. None were more truly devoted to their country's cause or more ardent in their love for the soldier, or their family and her friends. With a meeting of most generous hospitality she had arranged to entertain a large number of representatives of this encampment and was looking forward with great pleasure to this festival time, but God in wisdom saw fit to call her home. Her work is done.

'She has passed from sight with the boatman pale
To the pearl-lit shores of the spirit land,
We saw not the angel that welcomed her there;
The gates of the city we could not see;
But we know she is safe on the other side,
Where all the ransomed and angels be.'

"Before we celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of our Order many of us will have answered the last roll call.

"Let us then, dear sisters, continue to be loyal, not only to our country, our flag and one another, but to the Supreme Ruler who gives us home, country and a crown at last, if we honor and obey his commands.

Wishing you a profitable and successful Convention, and trusting that your sojourn in our growing city may prove to be one of the bright spots in your memory, I again extend to all a hearty welcome.

Mrs. Flo Miller replied:

"Mrs. President, Comrades and Ladies: I accept with great pleasure, on behalf of the W. R. C. of Illinois the cordial welcome so eloquently extended to us this evening. I know it is the grandeur, the high character of our work that calls forth such words of commendation, and yet I can but feel it deserves it all. The cause we represent is the cause of the Grand Army, as holy a cause as ever banded men and women together. In January, 1884, in this same city of Decatur, was formed the Department of Illinois, Woman's Relief Corps, then composed of but five Corps, with a *very* small member-

ship. At this time we return to you our five talents and with them many more, for today we number 176 Corps, with a membership of over 5,000. Do you ask why our success? It is this. We are banded together on the broad foundation of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. The admission of loyal women into our ranks has been questioned by some, who argued we should limit our membership to the relatives of Union soldiers and to army nurses. Unhesitatingly and emphatically has this question been met and answered in favor of the loyal women. To exclude these from our ranks would be equal to sending an army into battle with but a limited supply of ammunition. The loyal women are the "power behind the throne." As we forbore to ask on the field of battle, when receiving needed aid, lint, bandages and delicacies for our sick and dying, whether or no they were prepared by the relatives of soldiers, so now in time of peace we throw open our doors and invite all loyal women to enter our ranks and be one with us. These are our principles of fraternity. Our charity is of the kind that does not let the left hand know what the right hand is doing. Still, to a certain extent, we are known by our work. While it is impossible for me to tell you this evening the exact amount expended in relief during the last year, yet we *know* Illinois has grandly done her share. Be the amount what it may, it does not include the thousands of visits to the sick and destitute, the food and luxuries donated to the needy and suffering, nor the hours of sympathetic, womanly encouragement. These are our principles of charity. Our loyalty has *never* been questioned. It is as precious to us today as it was in the days of '61 to '65, and we desire to impress it as strongly on the minds of our children as it was fostered in the hearts of our heroes in the darkest days of our country's history. Then will you wonder we are glad to be with you this evening to pay our homage to Decatur and her heroes when you hear who those heroes are? Let us call the roll.

"First a man who responded to his country's call for aid during the Mexican war. Returned home when peace was declared, but when the second appeal for help went forth, he was

among the first to lead his men to the front. He was without fear, for he always said the bullet was never made to kill him, and we believe it was true, for at one time he came from a fiercely fought battle field with eleven bullet holes in his clothing but still unscathed. At Jackson, Miss., he led 880 men into battle, 645 of whom were killed, wounded or taken prisoner. On leaving for the front, the ladies of Decatur presented the regiment with the stars and stripes. Taking the flag he stepped in front of his men, and with hands lifted to high heaven he pledged himself to protect the flag and bring it back, or to die in its defense. Certainly if the name of heroes deserves cheers, that of Col. Isaac C. Pugh, of the 41st Illinois deserves *three times three*.

"The roll is not yet done. Decatur was the home of Col. Nathan Tupper, of the 116th, as brave and gallant a soldier as ever shouldered a musket.

"Of Lieut. Colonel Ansel B. Tupper, of the 41st, who, at the battle of Shiloh, after five hours of desperate fighting, and almost out of ammunition, was ordered to fall back until he could obtain a new supply. Listen to his reply: "No, we must not, we can not, we *will not* give up one inch of this position. We will *die right here* before we will allow the line to be broken." Then as he gave the command to "fix bayonets, and every man at his post," a missile of death came hurrying along and he fell--fell into the arms of a comrade and was borne back, where, on board a steamer a short time afterwards, he answered roll in the Higher Camp, and another soul was received in glory. It is of such stuff that heroes are made.

"But we must not forget Gen. Jesse H. Moore, better known as the "Fighting Methodist Preacher." He, too, led his men through many a fiercely fought battle, and returned to his home, when the conflict had ceased, but again placed himself at his country's service, and when "Taps" were sounded for him on high the echoes were wafted back to his loved ones here at home from distant Chili, for he was still on duty.

"We remember Decatur was the home for many years of as brave and gallant a soldier as ever lived, one who at many

times in his life has been the 'observed of all observers,' and perhaps has never seen a more momentous time than when, despite the mountains of influence brought to bear, he still had the manliness to say 'no.' A man who is known throughout the civilized world as 'Gallant Uncle Dick.'

"But we must not finish our roll, for many of our heroes are boys in blue who are still in line. For each and every one we have but one wish, one desire, that the flag they love so well they may never see trailed in the dust, and they may prove in their devotion as they have in the past, as true as Steele.

"We know this is the birth-place of the grandest organization ever planned by mortal minds, and we, its only auxiliary are glad to wend our way to the Mecca of the Grand Army.

"I remember attending a campfire in the east where this order was given, 'If any man attempts to tear down the English language for more than ten minutes, shoot him on the spot.' Fearing this same order may have been given here I will hasten to close, saying to Dunham Corps, I fain would possess the poesy of Sappho to sing your praise to the world, how, from your organization, you have assisted this Department in gaining the position it so justly deserves, for there is but one place for Illinois to grace and that is the right of the line.

"To the Comrades of the Grand Army: We appreciate the honor you have bestowed upon us, and we desire to assist you in the future, as we think we have in the past. Could every member of this organization stand with me this evening, I am sure they would join me in pledging to you our allegiance and saying:

We honor our grand old heroes
Who stood in the thick of the fight,
Where the deadly missiles were flying,
And valiantly fought for the right.
They stood with God in the conflict,
They fought on God's side in the fray,
The Lord and his angels helped them,
And Freedom and Right won the day.

Sacred to Freedom forever
Is the soil where they fought and bled,
Not a bondsman shall wear a shackle,
Not a tyrant shall lift up his head.

Above the flag of all nations
Our glorious banner waves high,
Its stars like the stars of heaven,
Its blue, like the blue of the sky.

Long may it wave in its beauty,
The symbol of Freedom and Right,
Not a star be lost from its azure,
Not a blot stain its spotless white."

Commander-in-Chief Veazy, of the Grand Army of the Republic, made a brief address, in the course of which he said:

"I am happy to say that I have never anywhere heard of the work of the Woman's Relief Corps, without hearing words in the highest degree creditable. Wherever I find a Post unusually strong and flourishing, I find that a large part of the success is due to the Woman's Relief Corps. Weak Posts I have recommended to organize a Woman's Relief Corps have done so and become strong."

General Veazy was followed by ex-Governor Oglesby and Adjutant-General Goulding.

Miss Maud Leffingwell sang "Heaven Hath Shed a Tear."

Miss Annie Janvier Jones recited the "Society Boy" and the "Veteran's Child."

A quartette then rendered "The Morning Star."

Miss Lulu Surrels, of Effingham, recited a souvenir poem written in honor of the G. A. R., by Mrs. Carrie C. Tinkham, of Homer.

A Memorial poem, written by Mrs. Clara A. Burley, of Massachusetts, was read by Miss A. J. Jones.

A. B. Alexander sang a solo, "The Vidette," which was greeted with hearty applause.

Prof. Otto Soldan rendered a violin solo, which was most highly appreciated.

The chief feature in the celebration of the "Silver Anniversary," was the Grand Parade on Wednesday p. m. The Woman's Relief Corps were drawn up in line on each side the street to greet the Comrades of the G. A. R. as they passed.

On Wednesday evening a great many W. R. C. delegates attended the G. A. R. Camp fires in the Opera House and the Tent.

A very pleasant Musical entertainment was given by the citizens of Decatur on Thursday evening, which was well attended by the members of the Woman's Relief Corps.

PRESENTATION OF GAVEL.

The members of the Woman's Relief Corps Convention, preceded by little Madge Hays, of Decatur, daughter of Maj. F. L. Hays, of the 115th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, dressed in the National colors, bearing the gavel on a silver salver, were admitted to the Twenty-fifth Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, and introduced by P. L. McKinnie, Medical Director.

Mrs. Julia G. Sine, Chairman of Committee, addressed the Encampment as follows:

"Comrades: Twenty-five years ago twelve devoted men, like the Apostles of old, were banded together, that by their example comrades of the war might be drawn together by ties stronger than those of mere friendship.

"You are gathered here, as they were there, (though in greater numbers,) to cement in still stronger bonds that Fraternity which has grown truer and deeper all these years.

"We, the Woman's Relief Corps of Illinois, your co-laborers in the dispensation of relief to needy and suffering comrades, and those dependent upon them for support, bear to you our kindest greetings on this the Silver Anniversary of the first and only military order founded on the broad principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

"At the memorial services in Chicago for General Sherman and Admiral Porter the Rev. W. A. Burch, among other patriotic and tender sentiments, expressed this one thought:

"We of the rising generation greet you. The spirit of liberty is young within your hearts. Your voices tremble, yet you shout still 'The Battle Cry of Freedom.' Your limbs totter, yet at three score years you march for miles to martial music. Your locks are silvered, but they are a crown of glory. In '61 the cry of the chief, 'To Arms!' swept the North. You loyal men sprang erect, full-armed; not the puppets of crowned heads and trembling thrones, but *free men*. Upon you burst the storm. The thunder of crashing arms and roaring artillery was heard. Livid lightnings destroyed your comrades, and leaden showers beat them to the ground. Some of you returned. In war we trusted you, in peace we love you. You are our fathers. Take what you need from the public coffers. Your children may toil a few more hours at the forge, at the bench and with the trowel; in the mart and office and study. But you went through the dark day of war. 'At evening time it shall be light.'

"It impressed me with unusual force, and I think I make no mistake in saying that if the child from the cradle be taught these sentiments there will never need be another call "To Arms!" in defense of our beautiful flag.

"And at each return of the spring time and the flowers, when we gather to do honor to the silent ones, we give the children a share in the ceremonies, and this continues the education of patriotism and loyalty to the flag that floats over every school house in the land.

"Comrades, you are not alone in your declining years, and it is not good that you should be. And while the mothers, wives, daughters and sisters can raise a helping hand and speak a word of cheer, you know that it will never be withheld; for are we not banded together for that purpose. And when time shall have accomplished its work with you you know that your gallant deeds in war and peace will be perpetuated, and kept in loving remembrance by a grateful people.

"Commander Distin, in behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps of Illinois I am delegated to present to you, and through you, to the Department of Illinois Grand Army of the Repub-

lic this token of our regard, esteem and appreciation of the noble work you have performed during the past twenty-five years.

May this the Silver Anniversary be borne in memory until the dawning of your Golden Jubilee, when the echoes of your voices shall mingle with the call to duty, as your Commander with this gavel in hand bids you welcome.

Department Commander Distin replied: "Mrs. President and ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, in behalf of the Department of Illinois G. A. R., I most cheerfully accept this beautiful silver gavel and assure you that it will be treasured, not for its intrinsic value alone but for the love and devotion to our order which prompted you, our honored co-workers to present it to us. We shall cherish it as a sacred memento of this, our "Silver Anniversary."

Address of Mrs. Mary E. McCauley, Chairman of Committee on Greetings to the Twenty-Fifth Department Encampment G. A. R.:

Commander Distin and Comrades of the Twenty-Fifth Annual Encampment G. A. R., Greeting: We your committee appointed by the Department President of the Eighth Annual Convention W. R. C. now in session, in this city, appear before you to tender to the Grand Army of the Republic on this, your Silver Anniversary, the heart-felt greetings of the Eighth Annual Convention.

In compliance with this pleasant duty, we desire to assure you, that we esteem it an honor, second to none, to be members of your auxilliary the Woman's Relief Corps, and we come to again pledge you our lasting fealty, and unswerving allegiance to the G. A. R.

We come, recognizing, that before us is a part of the grandest organization that exists.

"For what we see is here, and there,
An empty sleeve, and silvered hair.
Care worn faces, ah! and crutches too
And sightless eyes are not a few.
The scars and wounds you proudly bear
These your badge of honor wear."

This implies hardship, on hard fought fields of battle, where Comrades fell, and lines melted away like snow flakes in the noonday sun. And those of you who were spared from the fearful carnage, come marching proudly back bearing the dear old flag, without one star missing from the blue field, which proclaimed to one and all alike, one flag, one country, and liberty for all.

Comrades of the G. A. R. as a reward for this service you have the love, the respect, and the homage of a grateful people. And in the ages to come, your deeds of heroism will stand as a beacon, to light the way to liberty, and freedom, the oppressed of every land.

We come, recognizing that yours is an organization that cannot be recruited from the rank and file of our fellow men. No one is entitled to wear the badge or little bronze button without an honorable discharge from his country's service, and in consequence, and with sadness, we see each year your roll call grows shorter. Many comrades that enjoyed with you the Twenty-Fourth Annual Encampment at Quincy are now at rest on Heaven's eternal camping ground, there awaiting the joyful reunion of comrades left below.

“Kindly then each other cherish;
Work together as of yore,
And let not the memory perish
Of your comrades gone before.

For each day you're being mustered
With them, in the camp above,
There around your leaders clustered
Soon to dwell in peace and love.”

We come bearing greeting of 5,471 members of your auxilliary in the Department of Illinois, who alone have expended over \$6,000 during the past year for those left us to cherish and protect, and who ever stand ready, and willing, to keep step with the Grand Army of the Republic, in the march of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

We bring greetings to Commander Distin for what he has done to advance the interests of the Woman's Relief Corps during his administration.

We bring greetings because you have been

Tried and proved true, what joy to feel
That though of youth bereft;
Though fortune frown and gold may flee
You still have honor left.

He who for duty's sake arose
When Freedom called "To Arms!"
And stood a faithful shield between
Our homes and war's alarms.

Whether he wore the blouse or stars,
With a sword or musket fought,
We hail a hero, whose true heart
Our land's redemption wrought.

The years roll on, but high above
Their tide's resistless sweep,
Your names shall shine on glory's page,
And Fame their roll shall keep.

And while you live our grateful hearts
Shall still this pledge renew.
All honor and all love for those
Who wore the Union blue.

GENERAL ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS, W. R. C., }
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
PALESTINE, March 17, 1890.

Circular. }
No. 1. }

The Seventh Department Convention, Woman's Relief Corps, having placed me for the second time at the head of this Department, it shall be my constant effort to prove my appreciation of the high honor by redoubling my zeal in the great work of our Order.

The spirit of harmony which prevailed among the members of the Convention, and their strict attention to business was gratifying in the extreme.

I earnestly hope that each member of this Department will help me to make the work of the coming year a glorious success, and that each will feel it her personal duty to increase the membership of her own Corps.

Quarterly blanks are sent out with this Circular. I would ask that no President sign them as correct until she has fully assured herself that the Secretary and Treasurer have reported the same number of members, the same amount expended for relief, and that eight cents is paid on each member as per capita tax.

The new pass word will be mailed to Corps whose reports and per capita tax are received for this quarter.

Bear in mind that the order for per capita tax must be drawn payable to Miss Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, Bloomington, Ill.

Enclose the order for per capita tax with the Secretary's

and Treasurer's reports, and forward all to Miss Martha Lindsey,
Department Secretary, Palestine, Ill.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

Department President.

MARTHA LINDSEY,

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT ILLINOIS W. R. C. }
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY TO THE REPUBLIC. }
PALESTINE, April 7, 1890. }

General Order }
No. 1. }

I. At the Seventh Annual Convention of Illinois Woman's Relief Corps, held at Quincy, March 12th, 13th and 14th, the following officers were elected:

Department President, Mrs. Delilah A. Leaverton. Corps No. 5, Palestine.

Department Senior Vice President, Miss Jennie Bross Corps No. 16, Morris.

Department Junior Vice President, Mrs. Ellen A. Brydges, Corps No. 3, Elgin.

Department Treasurer, Miss Ada Carlton, Corps No. 7, Bloomington.

Department Chaplain, Mrs. Anna Morgan, Corps No. 6, Monmouth.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Mrs. Mary J. Stadden, Springfield.

Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, Delavan.

Mrs. Lizzie Hubbard, Aurora.

Mrs. Flo Miller, Monticello.

Mrs. Sue Simpson, Peoria.

APPOINTMENTS.

Secretary, Martha Lindsey, Corps No. 5, Palestine.

Inspector, Mrs. Mary E. McCauley, Corps No. 25, Olney.

Counselor, Mrs. Clara W. Harral, Corps No. 10, Aurora.

I. and I. Officer, Charlotte E. Newbern, Corps No. 81, Chicago.

II. The above officers have been duly installed.

III. Delegates to the Eighth National Convention were elected as follows:

Delegate at large, Mrs. Georgie Berry, Quincy.

Alternate at large, Mrs. Mrs. Eliza Torrence, Pontiac.

DELEGATES.

Mrs. Laura E. Distin, Quincy.

Mrs. Mary A. Whitney, Chicago.

Mrs. Mary A. Bradley, Decatur.

Mrs. Sarah E. Hannon, Cairo.

Mrs. Agnes Moody, Chicago.

Mrs. Marilla Ward, Gibson city.

Mrs. Sophia Linseott, Chicago.

Mrs. Mary Eldred, Gardner.

ALTERNATES.

Mrs. Jennie G. Harrison, Sterling.

Mrs. Jennie B. Howison, Chicago.

Mrs. Carrie A. Briggs, Delavan.

Mrs. Hattie Manlove, Springfield.

Mrs. Celia A. Parker, Barry.

Mrs. Anna P. H. Clark, Chicago.

Mrs. Amanda Beggs, Areola.

Mrs. Julia Barber, Joliet.

IV. I desire to express my thanks for the many kind letters containing congratulations and words of encouragement since my re-election as Department President.

V. A letter from Mrs. E. Frank Nafew, Secretary of the Lincoln Memorial League, says: "I am instructed by the

Lincoln Memorial League to invite the W. R. C. of Illinois to co-operate in doing honor to the memory of Abraham Lincoln." Further on she says: "If flowers should be sent, and expressed to me, Mrs. Frank Nafew, I will keep a record and give prominence to the offerings of the W. R. C. of Illinois."

VI. This Memorial service takes place at the National Monument, Springfield, Ill., April 15, 1890.

VII. Corps should take an interest in this matter and try to be represented by members or a tribute of flowers. It is expected that the G. A. R. will be well represented.

VIII. We are sorry to state that Corps No. 49, of Hamilton, has been burned out, losing all its property. We feel certain that if called upon, each Corps in this Department will be glad to contribute something to assist these sisters. Any help given should be sent to Mrs. Sarah P. Githens, Hamilton, Illinois.

IX. Having received inquiries from Corps in this Department asking who would be the proper person to send donations to for the Dakota sufferers, we wrote to W. R. C. Headquarters, Department of South Dakota, for instructions. The following was received from Mrs. Lucy P. Bryson, Department President of South Dakota: "Clothing is much needed at Hecla. Both North and South Dakota people have had very hard times the past winter." Send all donations to Mrs. Lucy P. Bryson, Department President, Gettysburg, South Dakota, for distribution.

The Seventh Annual Convention, Department of Illinois, W. R. C., appointed a committee to solicit donations from the Corps in this Department for one special applicant from Dakota. The chairman of this committee is Mary A. Bradley, 638 E. Eldorado Street, Decatur, Ill. Corps in this Department will hear from this committee in regard to the matter.

X. A slight change has been made in the name of Department Secretary. All communications will hereafter be ad-

addressed to Mrs. Martha Lindsey Martin, Palestine, Crawford County, Ill.

By command of

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,
Department President.

MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN,
Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS, G. A. R., }
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
PALESTINE, May 3, 1890. }

General Orders }
No. 2. }

The Rules and Regulations of the Woman's Relief Corps. auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, Chapter V, Article XI, say: "The National Convention hereby ordains the observance of Memorial Day on the 30th of May, enjoining its members to aid and assist the Grand Army of the Republic in commemorating the deeds of their fallen Comrades, and that they do all in their power to bring about a proper recognition of the day and its sacred customs." Therefore it becomes the duty of every member of our Order to assist the Grand Army of the Republic in the proper observance of Memorial Day.

The steady, noiseless, onward march of Time has brought us once more near this day we all hold sacred. The day hallowed by memories of the struggle for a Nation's life, of the bravery displayed on the hundreds of battle fields, of the lives that were given that the Union might be preserved to bless the millions yet to tread the soil that is made more sacred by being enriched with the patriotic blood which bathed it from 1861 to 1865.

It is for the purpose of honoring these brave men, that each year we observe the 30th of May as a "Coronation Day" to the heroes of the grandest army that ever faced a brave and stubborn foe.

The sickle of Time, with its ceaseless sweep, adds others and still others to the "Roll of the Dead," and thus year by year we find new mounds to cover with Spring's beautiful flowers—emblems of our love and respect for their devotion to their country in her time of need. Let care be taken that no soldier's grave be left undecorated, not forgetting those of our own Order who have passed away.

Remember the graves of the noble women "who tendered loving service to our country in her hour of peril."

Let every Corps prepare a mound or monument in memory of our Unknown Dead.

Let not the resting place of the departed Comrades at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy be neglected.

Teach the children Loyalty by memories of the past and let them, too, participate in these solemn services. Commander-in-Chief Alger says in his Memorial Order, "No sight so quickens the heart of the veteran as to see the children with their baskets of flowers at the graves of his comrades. * * * Better for the Nation that its children and youth remember this day than that it have armies as large as those of all Europe."

Every corps where it is possible, should attend service in a body the Sunday next prior to Memorial Day.

At the Seventh Annual Convention, Department of Illinois W. R. C., Mrs. Iles of Corps No. 7, Bloomington, stated that Mr. L. C. Young, of Macon, Georgia, asked her to bring it before our Order and see if the corps of this Department would not donate small flags with which to decorate Seventeen thousand graves of Union Soldiers who died of starvation in Andersonville Prison. The Macon Post is not financially able to purchase flags for so many graves.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that Representatives should present to their respective corps the need of an appropriation before next Memorial Day, to decorate with flags the graves of Union Soldiers at Andersonville.

Feeling that all corps would like to contribute to this worthy cause, we mention it in this order and would suggest

that all corps who have not already forwarded their flags send them to L. C. Young, of Macon, Georgia.

The Department Convention ordered that twenty-five dollars be drawn from Department Treasury for Sheridan Post No. 67 of Tennessee to decorate the graves of the soldiers in Stone River Cemetery (Murfreesboro.)

Corps in this Department that desire to assist Phil Kearney Post No. 10, G. A. R., of Richmond Va., in decorating the graves of Union Soldiers and Sailors in that vicinity, should send all donations to Edgar Allen, Chairman of Memorial Committee, 21 and 23 Shafer Building, Richmond, Va., who will acknowledge the receipt of same.

Two "Memorial Day Blanks, Form J," for corps Chaplains reports are enclosed with this order. It is earnestly requested that chaplains make a full report stating each interesting feature of the Day. Also report how many flags were sent to Macon, Ga., and how much money donated to assist the posts in decorating the soldiers' graves in cemeteries away from home.

Corps Presidents must attest by their signatures that they are correct and forward one report to Mrs. Anna Morgan, Department Chaplain, Monmouth, Ill., within ten days after Memorial Day, and the other place on file with corps papers.

Department Chaplain will report through the proper channel to National Chaplain W. R. C., and to Department Chaplain G. A. R.

By Command of

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

Department President.

MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN,

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT ILLINOIS W. R. C.,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
PALESTINE, May 16, 1890.

Circular }
No 2. }

A Union soldier by the name of Berryman went from

the Morgan county poor house to the Soldiers' Home at Quincy. He stated to Colonel Berry, of Quincy, that his wife (a woman about forty years of age), and two children, one girl nine years of age and a boy of five years were still in that poor house.

The father desired that the children should be gotten into the Orphans' Home at Bloomington. Colonel Berry interested himself in the case and the children were admitted, the mother coming to Quincy to be near her husband and worked to support herself.

After being at the Home for a time Rosa Berryman's eyes and ears became so afflicted that she was sent to the Eye and Ear Infirmary at Chicago.

It was decided that she had a highly infectious disease and could not be retained at the Infirmary. This decision of course excluded her from the Home and she was returned to the Morgan county poor house.

The keeper of the poor house demanded her removal from that place because her parents were in Adams county, and further stated that Rosa was very ill and required a different kind of treatment from what could be afforded her in that wretched place.

The girl was brought to Quincy in which town her mother lay dying in a hospital.

The physicians of Quincy pronounced Rosa's case to be a bad case of Scrofula. She was admitted to the Blessing Hospital and in the course of six months she was much improved.

For the past eighteen months she has been supported by John Wood Corps, No. 47, of Quincy. This Corps is anxious to do its part, but it is not able to assume the entire support of the child.

The Seventh Department Convention voted that the Department President request each Corps of this State to contribute what it is able toward feeding and clothing the homeless child of a helpless Union soldier until she can be admitted to the Asylum for the Feeble Minded.

All contributions should be sent to Mrs. Electa Finlay,

1617 Hampshire street, Quincy, Ill., who will make an itemized report to the Department President.

This is a sad case and it is to be hoped that every Corps in the State will help Corps No. 47 in this work of charity.

The Seventh Department Convention adopted as a souvenir badge the silver sucker hung by the mouth to a plain bar pin.

These badges will be furnished to members of this Department at sixty cents each.

Mrs. Sue A. Sanders, of Delavan, in whose hands the securing of this badge was left by order of Convention, requests that the members of each Corps write to her at once stating how many of these souvenirs they will buy. These badges may be sold to any person by members of the Order in this Department.

It is very important that Mrs. Sanders should know how many of these badges will be needed so as to order them in time to have them made before the National Convention in August.

This elegant little badge, comprising a narrow bar pin from which is suspended a perfect imitation of a tiny sucker, is pure silver, and as an emblem of the State may be worn with propriety by any one whether a member of the Order or not.

We hope that enough orders may be sent to Mrs. Sanders to make it possible to secure this badge without leaving the Department in debt, as there is not enough money in the treasury to pay for the one thousand ordered by Convention.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,
Department President.

MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN,
Department Secretary,

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT ILLINOIS W. R. C., }
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
PALESTINE, May 16, 1890.

Circular {
No. 3 }

The following information is given for the benefit of Posts

desiring the formation of Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Special attention is called to our "Objects," Chap. 1, Art. 2, Rules and Regulations, W. R. C.

"Section 1. To specially aid and assist the Grand Army of the Republic, and to perpetuate the memory of the heroic dead.

Sec. 2. To assist such Union veterans as need our help and to extend needful aid to their widows and orphans.

To find them homes and employment, and assure them of sympathy and friends. To cherish and emulate the deeds of our army nurses, and of all loyal women who rendered loving service to our country in her hour of peril.

Sec. 3. To maintain true allegiance to the United States of America; to inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country among our children and in the communities in which we live; and encourage the spread of universal liberty and equal rights to all.

Also, Chap. 1, Art 6, "Elegibility." Women of good moral character and correct deportment, who have not given aid to the enemies of the Union, who would perpetuate the principles to which this Association stands pledged and who have attained the age of sixteen years, shall be eligible to membership in the Woman's Relief Corps.

As the Woman's Relief Corps is an organization of loyal women banded together to assist the Grand Army of the Republic in caring for the needy soldier, his widow and orphans, it was decided by the second National Convention that all loyal women should be admitted to the W. R. C.

Relationship with a soldier cannot be justly made a test of eligibility, for all soldiers' wives are not loyal women, and there are many loyal women who are in no way related to the soldier.

Since it is our object to teach loyalty and patriotism, we should be inconsistent if we discouraged loyalty by excluding those women who in the time of war gave their "labor and substance to sustain and encourage the soldiers at the front."

Application for Charter must be made on regular blanks furnished by Department Headquarters. This application must have at least ten (10) signatures of women eligible to membership, and be endorsed by the Commander of the Post applying for Charter. Said application together with Money Order or Draft for Charter fees must be sent to these Headquarters. Money Order or Draft made payable to Miss Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, Bloomington, Ill.

The names of those present at Institution of Corps and Installation, are the only names to appear upon the Charter; for this reason Charters cannot be sent to the Corps until after the report of Institution is received at Headquarters. A dispensation cannot be granted by which other names may be added.

Upon receipt of application duly signed and endorsed, together with the necessary amount for Charter fee and supplies, a Charter will be issued and the Department President will designate some suitable person to institute the Corps, install the officers and give the necessary instructions.

Corps must bear the name of Posts to which they are auxiliary.

The membership fee is not less than one dollar, price of badge to be added thereto (See page 5, R. R.). The fee for Charter members is one dollar and price of badge added, to avoid causing hard feelings by those who enter the Corps soon after its organization. Charter members may raise the necessary fee in any way deemed advisable.

Care should be taken that no mistake is made in the selection of Charter members. The future of the Corps largely depends upon the choice thus made. The Order needs intelligent, zealous, unselfish workers, who will join our ranks out of love for, and to assist us in carrying out the principles of our Order.

Should the community be small in which the Corps is organized, and many reside at a distance, there should be a sufficient number who reside in the city to form a good working quorum—eight at least.

Officers for a Corps must not be elected until after the Corps is organized, and then under the direction of the Instituting Officer. To save time they may be selected at the preliminary meeting, but with due reference to their ability.

Treasurer of new Corps must give bond at Installation, or before next regular meeting. She must give to the President all money received for the Corps and take a receipt therefor prior to giving bond.

All communications should be addressed to Mrs. Martha Lindsey Martin, Department Secretary, W. R. C., Palestine, Crawford county, Ill.

The Corps must pay the express charges or postage on all supplies ordered from Department Headquarters.

Corps bear traveling expense and entertain Instituting Officer and pay per capita tax for the quarter in which they are organized.

A Corps of twenty members will add the expense only in Membership Badges and Rules and Regulations. A Corps of less than twenty members will lessen the expense only in Membership Badges and Rules and Regulations; for instance, for a Corps of fifteen members the cost of charter and supplies would be \$18.81; of twelve members \$17.40. The ten officers badges are Corps property and revert with the office. Membership Badges are owned by members as personal property. Would recommend that new Corps have all the necessary supplies on hand when instituted, especially Journal, Roll of Members, Order Book and General Order File for Secretary's use and a Ledger, Cash Book, Receipt Book and Corps Requisitions for Treasurer's, in order that they may receive full instructions from Instituting and Installing Officer.

The following is a list of supplies necessary for a Corps of twenty members:

Charter, Ritual and Officers Cards	\$ 5 00
10 Officers Badges, 40 cents each.....	4 00
10 Membership badges, 40 cents each....	4 00
2 Installation Books, 25 cents each.....	50
20 Rules and Regulations, 7 cents each....	1 40
*Corps Requisition (20 in book, with stubs)	20
15 Ode Cards, 1½ cents each	22½
5 Applications for Membership, 1 cent.....	5

1 Treasurer's Bond.....	\$ 2
1 Discharge Card.....	2
1 Transfer Card.....	2
8 Relief Reports (Form N), 1 cent each.....	8
*1 Journal.....	80
*1 Ledger.....	90
*Cash Book.....	90
*Roll of Members.....	90
*Order Book (with stub).....	50
*Receipt Book (with stub).....	50
*1 General Order File.....	60
2 Burial Services, 10 cents each.....	20
1 Sheet Music, Opening Ode.....	10
1 small Electro.....	25
Total.....	\$21 16

*Prepared expressly for Corps use, and will greatly simplify Secretary's and Treasurer's work.

Corps fix their dues by majority vote of Corps.

We earnestly desire all Posts having no auxiliary to take immediate steps toward organizing the same, knowing that such an organization will greatly assist the Post in all lines of Charity work, and in the sacred observance of Memorial Day.

Correspondence solicited. Full information, together with Application for Charter, mailed on application.

Post Commander:— Please have this read at next regular meeting.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

Department President.

MARTHA LINDSEY.

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT ILLINOIS W. R. C. }
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 PALESTINE, April 10, 1890. }

General Orders }
 No. 3. }

I. Secretary's and Treasury's blanks for second quarter's reports are enclosed with this order. Every Corps President should take pride in sending up none but correct reports.

II. The amount expended for relief must be the same on the report of Treasurer as on that of Secretary, and both must show the same number of members. For instance, if the Secretary's report shows twenty members in "good standing," the Treasurer's report must show twenty members, and the order for per capita tax must be drawn for that many members at eight cents each. The order for per capita tax must be drawn payable to Miss Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, Bloomington, Ill., but enclosed with reports and forwarded to Martha Lindsey Martin, Department Secretary, Palestine, Ill.

III. As these reports are the last ones before the National Convention, and will give the Department its standing in National Secretary's report to National Convention, it is urgently requested that every Corps President send in complete reports, correct in every particular, to Department Secretary before the fifth day of July, in order that the consolidated report may be completed at the proper time, and that no Corps may have to be reported delinquent.

IV. These quarterly reports should be forwarded on the first day of July. [See Rules and Regulations, Chapter V., Article 1.]

V. Resolution No. 7, presented and adopted at the Seventh Department Convention, is as follows:

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lippencott, Matron of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, at Quincy, Ill., has expressed it as her conviction that the gift especially desired by the Home, is a Memorial to the dead; therefore

Resolved, That the Department of the W. R. C. take as a special work for this year, the erection of a suitable Monument to the Dead at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy, Ill., and that a committee be appointed by the Department President to obtain estimate of probable cost, and arrange plans for collection of funds for same.

The following committee is appointed:

Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, Corps No. 32.

Mrs. Salome F. Wilson, Corps No. 118.

Mrs. Eugenia Follensbee, Corps No. 47.

VI. The following recommendation was adopted by the Seventh Department Convention;

That Corps be encouraged to meet oftener than once a month.

VII. Cushing's Manual was adopted by the Seventh Department Convention as the parliamentary practice for this Department.

VIII. Mrs. Dell A. Clark, of Peoria, Corps No. 12, is the Alternate to the National Convention, instead of Mrs. Anna P. H. Clark, of Chicago, as stated in General Orders No. 1.

IX. Delegates elected to represent this Department at the Eighth National Convention, W. R. C., must notify Department Secretary if they can not attend the Convention by the first day of July, so that the vacancy can be filled before the delegation leaves the State, as vacancies can not be filled afterwards.

Illinois W. R. C. wants to be fully and ably represented at the National Convention.

X. Department General Orders Nos. 1 and 2, also Circulars Nos. 1, 2 and 3, have been sent to all Corps and the Department password sent to those whose reports and tax were received. Corps not receiving the same should notify Department Secretary at once.

XI. All General Orders, Circulars, blanks, etc., are addressed to Corps Presidents, who should acknowledge to the Department Secretary the receipt of same.

XII. Corps Presidents must have all National and Department General Orders and Circulars read at next regular meeting of the Corps. It is the Secretary's duty to read these Orders, Circulars and official communications, under the head of "Communications, Notices, etc." and file them in Order and Letter file for future reference.

XIII. "Corps Requisitions" (20 leaves in book with stub) give the price of all supplies. All Corps Treasurers should have these Requisitions, as it would save much time and postage when ordering supplies. Send 20 cents to Miss Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, Bloomington, Ill., for "Corps Requisitions."

XIV. The following appointments on the Staff of Department President are announced.

DEPARTMENT AIDS.

Chief of Staff Carrie B. Geary, Corps No. 82, East St. Louis.

Inez J. Bender, Corps No. 54 Monticello.

Florence Green, Corps No. 50, Oquawka.

Carrie Cochenour, Corps No. 25, Olney.

Fannie Simpson, Corps No. 108, Chicago.

Lizzie Blackmore, Corps No. 15, Pontiac.

Carrie Cornell, Corps No. 88, Cairo.

Annie Miner, Corps No. 86, Bone Gap.

Eva D. Strawn, Corps No. 120, Albion.

Lizzie Dumphrey, Corps No. 37, Sumner.

Anna Edwards, Corps No. 39, Shawneetown.

Hattie Mitchell, Corps No. 42, Harrisburg.

Helen F. Bristol, Corps No. 47, Quincy.

Lida Bottom, Corps No. 55, Sparta.

Wilmina Davis, Corps No. 93, Centralia.

Mary E. Blewett, Corps No. 141, Chicago.

O. H. McKinstry, Corps No. 35, Delavan.

E. Frank Nafew, Corps No. 17, Springfield.

Eda Watson, Corps No. 92, Chicago.

Elizabeth Burton, Corps No. 114, Flora.

Emma Van Horn, Corps No. 73, Brighton Park.

Bessie Townsend, Corps No. 2, Henry.

Flora Huls, Corps No. 63, Robinson.

S. J. Hemenway, Corps No. 66, Rock Island.

Mollie J. Smith, Corps No. 110, Taylorville.

XV. Department Aids are expected to be familiar with the work of the Order, and do all in their power for the growth and prosperity of the Woman's Relief Corps. To encourage the instituting of an auxiliary for every Post in this Department, and to perform such duties as may be required of them. Members appointed as Aids will please notify Department if they accept the appointment or not.

XVI. The following Corps have been instituted since last Department Convention:

John Baird, No 152, Virden.

Carlyle, No. 153, Carlyle.

L. G. Keedy, No. 154, Minonk.

Frank Lowry, No. 155, Clinton.

Woodruff, No. 156, Washburn.

By command of

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,
Department President.

MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN,
Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS, W. R. C., }
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
PALESTINE, July 12, 1890.

General Orders }
No. 4. }

The following nominations have been received from Department Inspector, and are hereby appointed to act as Assistant Inspectors, Department Illinois, W. R. C., and will be obeyed accordingly.

Mrs. Flo Miller, Monticello, Corps No. 64.

Mrs. Fannie Mallory, Sterling, Corps No. 45.

Miss Jennie Bross, Morris, Corps No. 16.

Mrs. Ellen A. Brydges, Elgin, Corps No. 3.

Mrs. Sue J. Thompson, Bradford, Corps No. 134.

Mrs. Eugenia Follensbee, Quincy, Corps No. 47.

Mrs. Lizzie Hubbard, Aurora, Corps No. 10.

Mrs. Julia G. Sine, Rockford, Corps No. 1.

Mrs. Josie Minniemyer, Peoria, Corps No. 12.

Mrs. O. H. McKinstry, Delavan, Corps No. 35.

Mrs. Mary Davisson, Bloomington, Corps No. 7.

Mrs. Hattie Mitchell, Harrisburg, Corps No. 42.

II. Those who cannot accept will notify Mrs. Mary E. McCauley, Department Inspector, Olney, Ill., at once.

III. Chapter V, Article V, Section 1, Rules and Regulations, says: "There shall be a thorough inspection of each Corps every year, during the months of October and November, by the Department Inspector, Assistant Inspectors, or other members assigned to such duty, a report of the same to be forwarded to the Department Inspector immediately thereafter."

IV. Assistant Inspectors are urged to make themselves familiar with Ritualistic work of the Order, and be well informed in the Rules and Regulations and all laws that govern the Woman's Relief Corps, to be able to instruct as well as inspect.

V. All revisions in the Ritual and Amendments to Rules and Regulations passed by the Eighth Annual Convention will be given as soon as obtained.

V. The routes will be given in future Orders.

By Command of

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

Department President.

MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN,

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS, W. R. C., }
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
 PALESTINE, July 16, 1890.

General Orders }
 No. 5. }

I. Attention is called to National General Orders No. 5, which says "The Eighth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, will meet in Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass., on the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th of August, 1890."

II. Credential Cards have been sent to all representatives in this Department, which will entitle the holder to a seat in the National Convention. Those not receiving the same, will notify the Department Secretary at once. It is earnestly de-

sired that each representative be prompt in attendance at the Convention, and be fully prepared for the important work before them. Let no seats be vacant during the session.

III. All elected Alternates in this Department will notify the Department Secretary at once if they can go to Boston, and fill vacancies of Department Delegates at the National Convention.

IV. The Committee on Accommodations have located Headquarters Department of Illinois, while in Boston, at the Congregational building, corner Beacon and Somerset streets, where Department Officers and Delegates will gladly extend fraternal greetings to all friends of the G. A. R. and W. R. C.

V. We are officially notified by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Mrs. E. B. Lowd, that the Delegates will be guests of the G. A. R. on Friday, August 15th, on an excursion to Plymouth. Collingwood Corps, in this historic town, is preparing to extend a hearty greeting to all members of the Order. And that through the courtesy of the National Encampment G. A. R. Committee, a grand stand will be erected in Copely Square, for members of the W. R. C., who will be admitted by tickets, to view the procession Tuesday a. m., and on that evening the Woman's Relief Corps will unite with the Grand Army of the Republic in a reception at Mechanic's Building, Huntington avenue; that an excursion to Nahant, complimentary to the W. R. C. delegates and invited guests, is being arranged for Saturday, August 16th; that members of the Committee on Information (designated by badges) will be at depots and prominent hotels on Monday and Tuesday, August 11th and 12th, to furnish strangers arriving in the city with information desired. Also a committee has been appointed to escort delegates to places of interest in Boston and vicinity, and all members of the Order who may visit Boston during encampment week are assured of a hearty welcome. This committee reports many other meetings, Camp Fires, etc., that await Delegates and visitors while in Boston.

VI. The Department President requests all representatives and members from this Department to report and regis-

ter at Department Illinois Headquarters at 8:30 a. m. sharp, on Tuesday, August 12th, and receive badge in time to procure seats in a body on W. R. C. review stand before G. A. R. parade, if such arrangements can be made.

VII. W. L. Distin, Cammander Department of Illinois, G. A. R., cordially invites the Woman's Relief Corps to join the G. A. R. Headquarters train to Boston, which we accept in behalf of the Department Illinois Woman's Relief Corps, with many thanks, and I trust that every member of the Woman's Relief Corps in this Department, going to Boston, will join Headquarters Train before leaving Chicago, and avail themselves of this very pleasant route.

VIII. Through the courtesy of Assistant Adjutant General Transportation and Headquarters Train Committee of Department Illinois, G. A. R., we have the following information:

"The Central Traffic Association have made a rate of one lowest limited first-class fare from Chicago to Boston and return, which is nineteen dollars. Selling dates for these tickets going will be August 8th, 9th, and 10th, tickets to be good for return passage not later than August 20th, and tickets to be good for continuous passage in both directions. Provided, that an extension of time for return passage to destination may be granted to the original purchaser, whose signature is attached thereto, to the general agent of the terminal lines at Boston, Mass., August 12 to August 19, 1890, inclusive, and the ticket deposited with said general agent until the original purchaser is ready to undertake the return journey from Boston, when the ticket will be good only by trains leaving Boston on that day, and for a continuous train passage to destination within schedule time; but the limits for such extension of time will not be made for a period which will enable the passenger to reach his destination by continuous passage later than September 30th, 1890.

"The Department Headquarters train will leave Quincy via the C. B. & Q. Friday, August 8, at 8:30 a. m.

Bushell, 10:58 a. m.	Buda, 2:03 p. m.
Abingdon, 11:36	Mendota, 3:25.
Galesburg, 12:30 p. m.	Earlville, 3:45.
Galva, 1:18.	Aurora, 4:58.
Arriving at Chicago at 6:20 p. m.	

"The train will leave Chicago at 10:00 p. m. of the same day, via the Wabash Niagara Falls Short Line. The route from Chicago will be via Detroit to Niagara Falls, where a stop of several hours will be made; thence east via West Shore Line to Rotterdam Junction; thence via Hoosac Tunnel and Fitchburg route. Any one wishing to secure sleeping car accommodations from Chicago must apply to the ticket agent of the Wabash Niagara Falls Short Line, at 201 Clark street, Chicago."

Members of the Relief Corps wishing to secure berths on through sleepers from the original point of departure must arrange with the Railroad agent at the initial point. The lowest round trip fare that has been secured by the committee is \$19, which is about eight mills per mile. The committee are satisfied that should a lower rate be made that it will be available to all.

IX. The following invitation has been received from Headquarters Department of Illinois, G. A. R., for which we extend thanks:

"MRS. DELILAH A. LEAVERTON, Palestine, Ill.

DEAR MADAM—The Lake Bluff Chautauqua Assembly has set apart and designated one day of their session at Lake Bluff as "Grand Army Day," and have, through the Rev. Horace W. Bolton, placed their grounds and buildings free of charge for Saturday, July 26, at the disposal of the Grand Army of the Republic. We take great pleasure in extending to you, and the ladies of the W. R. C. throughout the State, an invitation to be present upon this day. If you are to publish an order soon I wish you would insert this invitation in your order, or notify the Corps who are situated near Lake

Bluff. I think it will be the occasion of the season. All the Posts in Cook county have voted to attend.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

A. D. READE, A. A. G."

X. Mrs. Wilmena Davis, of Corps 93, has resigned as Department Aide on account of poor health, also Mrs. Flora Huls, of Corps 63, has resigned. These resignations are accepted.

The following ladies are appointed Aides on Department President's staff:

Mrs. Sarah D. Green, Corps No. 26, Lacon.

Mrs. Kate Hiatt, Corps No. 40, Elmwood.

Mrs. Jennie Robbins, Corps No. 9, Canton.

Mrs. Ida Duntley, Corps No. 68, Bushnell.

Mrs. Sarah E. Taylor, Corps No. 70, Carthage.

Mrs. Clementina Ross, Corps No. 65, Camp Point.

Mrs. Martha J. Bean, Corps No. 116, Streator.

Mrs. Emma Onstott, Corps No. 131, Atlanta.

Mrs. Bell Powell, Corps No. 81, Paris.

Mrs. Francis M. Dille, Corps No. 126, Buda.

XI. The one hundred twenty-four Corps sending in reports for second quarter 1890, show the membership in good standing in this Department to be 4,561, and is so reported to National Headquarters. Could we report the membership of twenty-one delinquent Corps and those that have been instituted since June 30th, it would bring the membership to about 5,000.

XII. Mrs. Julia G. Sine has been appointed chairman of a special committee. Corps in this Department will respond to her call.

By Command of

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,
Department President.

MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN,
Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT ILLINOIS W. R. C., }
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 PALESTINE, September 15, 1890.

General Orders }
 No. 6. }

I. The blanks for the third quarter's report inclosed with this Order should be properly filled and returned to the Department Secretary.

II. Neither blanks nor per capita tax should be sent to Department Treasurer. She can do nothing with them until they have passed through the hands of the Department Secretary, whose duty it is to examine the reports, and, if found correct, forward the Treasurer's report (Form B) and the per capita tax to the Department Treasurer at Bloomington.

Much time and postage will be saved if Corps Presidents give their careful attention to the filling out of these quarterly blanks. If possible, the President, Secretary and Treasurer should meet and prepare the reports so as to be certain that every part of each blank is properly filled before forwarding to Headquarters.

III. It is the duty of the Corps President to have these reports mailed on the *first* day of October. The *per capita tax must be placed in the same envelope containing the reports.* Drafts or Money Orders must be drawn payable to Miss Ada Carlton, Bloomington, Ill.

IV. One copy of the Proceedings of the Seventh Department Convention has been sent to each Corps, and to each Department officer. The copy intended for Department officer was inclosed with the one intended for use of Corps.

V. Rosters have also been sent to the Corps. Any member wishing Roster will send ten cents to Department Secretary.

VI. The Journal of the Seventh National Convention was taken to the Department Convention at Quincy and distributed among the Delegates. All Corps not represented at the Convention will find the National Journal enclosed with

that of the Department. Those not receiving Journals or Rosters will please notify Department Secretary.

VII. The pictures of all past Department Presidents will be found in the Seventh Department Journal, also the report of the Committee appointed to visit the Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Normal.

As it is not probable the pictures will appear again, we believe that each member will wish to possess a copy of this Journal.

VIII. As the cost of issuing this Journal has been considerably greater than that of previous years, the President and Executive Board deem it advisable to charge a small sum for each copy.

Any person desiring one will receive the same by sending twenty-five cents to Miss Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, Bloomington, Ill.

IX. A copy of either the fifth, sixth or seventh National Journal will be sent to any person on receipt of eight cents for postage.

X. It would be to the interest of the Order if Corps would give to papers, such as the National Vidette, National Tribune, American Tribune, etc., items concerning their plans for replenishing their Relief Funds, or any other work of general interest.

XI. In compliance with the Orders of Seventh Department Convention in regard to Resolution No. 9, the following Committee is appointed:

Miss Josephine P. Cleveland, Mrs. Belle Howison, Mrs. Flo Miller.

XII. Before closing this order, let us beg again that you will be careful and send reports and tax to the Department Secretary and *not* to Department Treasurer.

XIII. Be *sure* that the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports

agree as to number of members in good standing and amount of money expended for Relief.

By Command of

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,
Department President.

MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN,
Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS, W. R. C., }
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
PALESTINE, September 25, 1890.

General Orders }
No. 7. }

I. Rules and Regulations require that each Corps shall be inspected within the months of October and November.

II. The Department Inspector has made the following assignments:

Mrs. Flo Miller will inspect—Nos. ~~111~~, ~~69~~, ~~76~~, ~~46~~, ~~87~~, ~~105~~, ~~48~~, ~~63~~, ~~5~~, ~~53~~, ~~145~~, ~~74~~, ~~155~~, ~~7~~, ~~43~~, ~~21~~, ~~74~~.

Mrs. Fannie McCartney Worthington Nos. ~~97~~, ~~130~~, ~~84~~, ~~41~~, ~~139~~, ~~66~~, ~~28~~.

Miss Jennie Bross Nos. ~~140~~, ~~143~~, ~~150~~, ~~138~~, ~~141~~, ~~161~~, ~~108~~, ~~10~~, ~~94~~, ~~142~~.

Mrs. Ellen Brydges Nos. ~~18~~, ~~83~~, ~~86~~, ~~123~~, ~~1~~, ~~44~~, ~~61~~, ~~132~~, ~~104~~, ~~45~~, ~~106~~.

Mrs. Sue J. Thompson Nos. ~~152~~, ~~99~~, ~~19~~, ~~121~~, ~~6~~, ~~50~~, ~~27~~.

Mrs. Eugenia Follansbee Nos. ~~65~~, ~~32~~, ~~34~~, ~~68~~, ~~30~~, ~~98~~, ~~60~~, ~~70~~, ~~49~~.

Mrs. Lizzie Hubbard Nos. ~~92~~, ~~81~~, ~~14~~, ~~113~~, ~~59~~, ~~142~~, ~~128~~, ~~116~~, ~~94~~, ~~16~~, ~~3~~, ~~125~~.

Mrs. Julia G. Sine Nos. ~~83~~, ~~38~~, ~~22~~, ~~117~~, ~~133~~, ~~52~~, ~~22~~.

Mrs. Josie Minnemyer Nos. ~~13~~, ~~2~~, ~~134~~, ~~40~~, ~~9~~, ~~147~~, ~~35~~, ~~122~~, ~~134~~, ~~178~~, ~~118~~, ~~135~~, ~~62~~, ~~154~~, ~~156~~, ~~31~~, ~~26~~.

Mrs. Mary Davisson Nos. ~~57~~, ~~24~~, ~~159~~, ~~125~~, ~~107~~, ~~71~~, ~~119~~, ~~36~~, ~~144~~, ~~15~~, ~~12~~, ~~127~~.

Mrs. Hattie Mitchell Nos. ~~39~~, ~~67~~, ~~148~~, ~~95~~, ~~88~~, ~~55~~, ~~77~~, ~~96~~.

Department Inspector Nos. 37, 114, 93, 153, 82, 151, 20, 103, 146, 110, 115, 129, 152, 17, 109, 148, 89, 100, 47, 91, 90, 4, 64, 78, 42, 49, 120, 137, 162.

III. Inspectors must follow "Instructions to Inspectors," pages 25-26, Revised Services of 1888.

IV. The latest "Instructions to Corps Officers" are those dated June 25, 1889. Corps will follow same unless later ones are received from National Headquarters.

V. Corps will receive Inspectors according to instructions given on pages 23 and 24, Revised Services.

VI. All books and papers relating to the work of the Corps for the past year must be at hand to be inspected.

VII. The entire work of the Ritual must be exemplified by each Corps.

VIII. Among the questions to be answered by the President are the following:

Number of regular meetings during the year.

Average attendance of officers.

Average attendance of members including officers.

Amount of money expended for relief during the year.

Estimated value of relief other than money.

(N. B.—"The Year" means from October 1, 1889 to October 1, 1890.)

IX. The Inspector will notify the President when her Corps is to be inspected, at which time the President will call the members together. Special effort should be made to have all Corps officers present.

X. Each Corps should take pride in being graded "Excellent." This grade can be obtained by having the work properly performed and the books neatly and correctly kept.

XI. Corps will bear in mind that "Cushing's Manual" was adopted by the Seventh Department Convention as the Parliamentary Practice for Corps in this Department.

XII. The traveling expenses of the Inspectors will be paid by the Department; the local expenses will be borne by the Corps.

XIII. All reports will be forwarded by Assistant Inspectors to Mrs. Mary E. McCauley, Department Inspector, Olney, Ill., within ten days from date of Inspection. The itemized bills of Assistants must be approved by Department Inspector before being paid by Department Treasurer.

XIV. The following named Corps have been instituted since last report:

Delaney, No. 157, Alton.

H. W. Wood, No. 158, McLean.

Melvin, No. 159, Melvin.

Black Eagle, No. 160, Urbana.

A. E. Burnside, No. 161, Chicago.

Col. Wm. Brooks, No. 162, Brooklyn.

XV. All Corps treasurers should be furnished with Corps Requisitions, 20, in book with stubs, (which costs but twenty cents) and order all supplies on these from Miss Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, Bloomington, Ill.

No supplies are kept by Department Secretary.

XVI. Corps Relief Reports, (Form N.) are not sent out by Department Secretary.

By Command of

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,
Department President.

MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN,
Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT ILLINOIS W. R. C., }
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
PALESTINE, Nov. 7, 1890.

General Orders }
No. 8. }

The election of Corps officers must be held at the first regular meeting in December or at a special meeting, if necessary, to conclude the election. Each member in good standing must be previously notified. (See Rules and Regulations of 1889,

Chap. II., Art. VII., Sec. I.) The election of Delegates and Alternates to Department Convention will take place at the same time and in the same manner. (See Rules and Regulations of 1889, Chap. III., Art. II., Sec. V.)

Corps are entitled to one Delegate for every thirty members, or a fraction over one-half of that number, based on the report for the quarter ending September 30, 1890, Corps being entitled to *one* delegate, whatever its membership.

Corps organized after September 30th, shall elect Delegates in the same ratio as those reporting on that date.

Those organized on and after January 1, 1891, shall be represented by the President only; or, in her absence, the Senior Vice may represent the Corps; if she be unable to attend, the Junior Vice shall be the representative.

The representatives to the Department Convention are Past Department Presidents, all present Department Officers, Corps Presidents and Past Corps Presidents who have served to the end of their term and are in good standing in their respective Corps. (Chap. III., Art. II., Sec. I., R. and R. of 1889.)

A member who is already a representative by virtue of office should not be elected as delegate.

It is earnestly recommended that Corps Presidents study carefully Chapter II., Article VII., in Rules and Regulations of 1889, and pages 7 and 8, Revised Services of 1888, and that, on the day of election, the Secretary read the same to the Corps.

The success of the Corps depends, largely, upon its officers, therefore great care should be exercised in their selection, always choosing those most interested in the Woman's Relief Corps.

The officers of Corps organized in December will hold office for the year.

The newly elected officers shall be installed at the first regular meeting in January, or at a special meeting called for such purpose during the month. (R. and R., Chap. II., Art. VII., Sec. III.)

"The Installing Officer may be a Past Corps President, Department or National officer. (past or present.) or other com-

petent officer of the Order, as preferred. Where such members are not available, the Post Commander or other competent Comrade may perform this service." (See Revised Services of 1888, page 7.)

Either of the above named persons may install without being detailed by the Department President. But if a member of another Corps be selected, the appointment will be made by Department President upon the request of the officers elect; and the expenses of such officer must be borne by the Corps requiring her services.

Delinquent Corps will please note the following:

"The Installing Officer will, immediately upon her arrival, ascertain if all reports and dues have been forwarded to Department headquarters, as required by Rules and Regulations; if not, they must be placed in her hands to be forwarded, as installation *can not proceed* until these requirements are complied with.

"She shall also see that the Treasurer's bond is filed with the Corps President." (See Services of 1888, page 8.)

Election Blanks are sent with this order. The Installing officer shall fill them out at the close of Installation, enclosing names of all Past Corps Presidents, and immediately forward one to the Department Secretary and the other to the Department Instituting and Installing Officer, Mrs. Charlotte E. Newburn, 356 W. Randolph street, Chicago. The Installing Officer will inform the Department Instituting and Installing Officer whether the Installation was public or private, and if joint with Post and Sons of Veterans.

Do not fail to enclose names of Past Presidents, with the election returns, so that they, as well as other representatives, may receive Credential Cards which entitle them to a voice in the Department Convention. Cards will not be sent to Delegates, nor Past Corps Presidents unless their names are on, or enclosed with Election returns. These returns must be certified to as correct by the retiring Corps President.

Members wishing to leave a Corps or the Order must make application, either verbal or written, to the Corps President at a regular meeting of the Corps, and state plainly whether they

want a Transfer Card or an Honorable Discharge Card. There is no such thing named among Corps supplies as "Withdrawal Card."

General Orders No. 7, Section XI., second line, should read "Seventh Department Convention," instead of "Eighth."

Attention is called to Circular from the Directors of the W. R. C. Home at Madison, Ohio, enclosed with this order.

It is the wish of the Department President that Corps in this Department respond to this appeal for contributions to make the Home comfortable, and send all money for that purpose to Miss Ada Carlton, Department Treasurer, Bloomington, Ill., who will report the amount sent by each Corps to Department Convention. If donations other than money be sent to the W. R. C. Home, Corps are requested to report their value to Department Treasurer.

There are needy Comrades and their families all around us, and, as Thanksgiving Day approaches, let us make an opportunity to share with them the comforts we may possess.

At Christmas, our soldiers' orphans in the Home at Normal, and those in our midst, must not be forgotten. All boxes or packages intended for the children of the Home should be sent to H. C. DeMotte, Superintendent of Soldiers' Orphans' Home, Normal, Ill.

The Comrades in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy should also be remembered.

All articles intended for the Hospital should be directed to Mrs. M. E. Lippincott, Matron of Hospital Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Quincy, Ill.

Corps should report to Department Secretary all donations made to either the Soldiers' Orphans' Home, or the Soldiers' and Sailors Home.

By Command of

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,
Department President.

MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN,
Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT ILLINOIS W. R. C. }
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 PALESTINE, December 10, 1890. }

General Orders }
 No. 9. }

I. Blanks for fourth quarter's report are enclosed in this order.

II. The membership of this quarter determines the number of delegates to the National Convention, and it is very important that reports come in promptly.

III. If Corps would but understand that their indifference retards the work of others, we feel sure that each Corps President would take special pains to have reports correct and mailed at the required time.

IV. After the quarterly reports reach Department Secretary, it is her duty to examine them and if correct she must forward the Treasurer's reports and per capita tax to the Department Treasurer. After the reports have come in up to a certain date, the Department Treasurer and Secretary must make a report to National Department Headquarters within a limited time or the Department will be marked "delinquent," which, to say the least, would be very discreditable.

V. The name, number and location of each Corps, also their gains, losses and money expended for relief, are shown on Department Secretary's report to National Headquarters.

VI. The reports of Department Secretary and Treasurer must be closed at a date which will allow them to reach National Headquarters on the 20th of January. Corps sending in reports after Department Secretary's report is closed must be accounted for to National as delinquent, and their membership will be lost (for this quarter) to the Department.

VII. If all Corps Presidents will mail reports on January 1st there will not be one delinquent Corps. Please read Rules and Regulations, Chapter V. Article III. Section 2.

VIII. The per capita tax, which is eight cents on each member in "good standing," must be placed in the same enve-

lope with reports and sent to Department Secretary. All drafts, money orders, etc., must be made payable to Miss Ada Carlton, of Bloomington.

IX. Corps Secretary and Treasurer must report the same number of members in good standing, and the same amount expended for relief, otherwise the reports will be returned for correction, which will cause delay and expense.

X. Corps Secretary's and Treasurer's books should be audited by the Finance Committee at or near the close of each quarter.

XI. Corps instituted since September 30, 1890, must make reports and pay per capita tax for this quarter.

XII. The number of members in good standing as reported to National at the close of third quarter was four thousand, eight hundred and forty-nine. Twelve Corps, whose combined membership numbers two hundred and eighty, sent their reports after Department Secretary's report was closed.

Now, if the officers of these Corps had been prompt in the performance of their duty our total number in good standing would have been 5,129 instead of 4,849 as reported.

XIII. Reports must be mailed so as to reach Department Headquarters on or before January 5th. Any Corps President having proper pride in her work will see that this command is complied with. Unless all Corps officers are sick there is no excuse for reports being late quarter after quarter. Corps have been told time and again how this should be done, yet some persist in delaying their reports. The names of all Corps delinquent for this quarter will be placed in next General Order.

XIV. Departments are entitled to one delegate to National Convention for every seven hundred members or a fraction over one-half of that number.

XV. Let each Corps then make special effort to report as many members as possible.

XVI. Corps Treasurers should notify all members in arrears for dues and give them an opportunity to pay up. It

has been recommended that, "When Corps members fail to respond promptly to written or printed notification of dues the Corps Treasurer, with such assistance as the Corps may provide, shall call upon such members personally, and explain the operation of our laws upon delinquent members, that none may be dropped from the rolls through misunderstanding or lack of knowledge."

XVII. Members who allow themselves to become one year in arrears must be dropped from the rolls, for, instead of deriving benefit, Corps are often injured by attempting to carry members who have not interest enough in the Order to pay the small sum required for quarterly dues.

XVIII. Corps Presidents are again reminded that the full name of candidates should be given when asking for a dispensation to "ballot for and initiate" at same regular meeting. Such dispensations should be read in Corps meeting and filed with Corps papers.

XIX. In accordance with the desire of Past National President, Mrs. Wittenmeyer, a list of Corps Presidents, Department Officers, and Past Department Officers of 1889, of this Department, was furnished the publisher of the Eighth National Convention Proceedings, and the Journal has been forwarded, either by mail or express, to the address of each of the above named officers. Those sent to Corps Presidents are the property of the Corps.

XX. A number of the Journals are in the hands of Department Treasurer, Miss Ada Carlton, and any member who so desires may receive one by sending ten cents for postage.

XXI. If each member of the W. R. C. would avail herself of the opportunities for becoming better acquainted with the objects of the organization, by studying Rules and Regulations and reading National and Department Journals, a greater interest would be aroused and the usefulness of the Order greatly enhanced.

XXII. A list of the Army Nurses in this Department has been sent by National President to these Headquarters. In her letter the National President says: "Many on this list do

not need assistance from our Relief Fund, and to find out the needy ones is the special work now before our committee. Will you aid them by a prompt correspondence with Corps Presidents or others in their locality and learn if possible their exact conditions and needs?"

XXIII. Each Corps President will send to Department Secretary, without delay, the name, postoffice address, and a statement of the condition of such Army Nurses as may reside in her vicinity.

XXIV. The following Corps have been instituted since last report:

163, Cerro Gordo, President, Flora Cole.

164, Yorkville, President, Jane N. Wilson.

165, Payson, President, Anna Hughes.

166, Ottawa, President, Ella T. Hapeman.

XXV. The following ladies are appointed additional Aides on Staff of Department President:

Mrs. Mary A. Bradley, Corps No. 4, Decatur.

Mrs. Sallie J. Steele, Corps No. 4, Decatur.

Mrs. Myra H. Mark, Corps No. 4, Decatur.

Mrs. Sarah Seger, Corps No. 4, Decatur.

By command of

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,
Department President.

MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN,

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS, W. R. C., }
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
PALESTINE, December 23, 1890. }

Circular)
No. 4. }

Resolution No. 7, adopted by Seventh Department Convention reads.

WHEREAS: Mrs. Lippencott, Matron of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy, Ill, has expressed it as her conviction that the gift especially desired by the Home is a Memorial to the Dead, therefore,

Resolved: That this Department of the W. R. C. take as a special work for this year the erection of a suitable Monument to the dead at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy, Illinois, and that a committee be appointed by the Department President to obtain estimate of probable cost and arrange plans for collection of funds for same.

The following communication has been received from the committee:

"December 1st, 1890.

MRS. DELILAH A. LEAVERTON, President Department of Illinois, W. R. C.

DEAR MADAM: Your committee appointed to carry out the will of Seventh Department Convention, as expressed by Resolution No. 7, have, after consultation and examination of designs, and also of monuments already erected in various places in our country in honor of our "fallen heroes" decided that the Woman's Relief Corps of Illinois by voting to erect this monument, wish not only to honor the memory of our Soldier Dead, but also to do credit to the Organization, and we are unanimous in the conviction, that to do this we should expend not less than \$2,500.

And we wish through your General Order or Circular to call upon each Corps to contribute 50 cents per member, raising the amount in whatever way they choose.

At the same time assuring the Corps that if we can obtain such a Monument as we desire for the money, all that is contributed over what we expend shall be turned over to the Department Relief Fund.

We also desire that each Corps agreeing to contribute as we suggest (50 cents per member) will, as soon as the Corps takes action so notify the chairman of this committee (Sarah M. Bradfod, Augusta, Ill.) and also that their President or delegate to Eighth Department Convention at Decatur bring

with her the amount pledged and deposit it with Department Treasurer.

Respectfully in F., C. and L.,

SARAH M. BRADFORD,

SALOME F. WILSON,

EUGENA C. FOLLANSBEE,

Committee.

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

Department President.

MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN,

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT ILLINOIS W. R. C., }
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 PALESTINE, January 31, 1891. }

Circular {
 No. 5 }

George W. Whisman, late private 61st Illinois Veteran Volunteer Infantry, Companys A and G, enlisted October 29, 1861 and was honorably discharged September 8, 1865, and was a prisoner of war twelve months at Tyler, Texas. He is at present living at Kampsville, Calhoun County, Ill., in very reduced circumstances; his wife, himself and eight children being almost destitute of clothing. He receives a pension of four dollars per month, but owing to ill health this is consumed in buying medicine for himself.

His small farm is under a mortgage of eighty-four dollars and he can not pay the interest. The probabilities are that he will lose his home unless we help him.

This case has been thoroughly investigated and the above found to be true.

We know from past experience that the Corps in this Department are always ready to assist the needy veteran and his family, and it is now requested that each Corps contribute a sum equal to five cents per member.

This is a small sum to us but will be a great help to our needy comrade.

The money contributed should be sent to the Department President, Delilah A. Leaverton, Palestine, Crawford county, Ill., and instead of sending receipts to every Corps, the contributions will be acknowledged in General Orders.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

DELLAH A. LEAVERTON,
Department President.

MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN,
Department Secretary,

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS, W. R. C., }
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
PALESTINE, January 31, 1891.

General Orders }
No. 10. }

I. Inasmuch as the committee, appointed in General Orders No. 2 dated April 27th, 1889, to present a bill to the Legislature of Illinois in compliance with the Resolution adopted by the 6th Department Convention concerning "Flag Bill," accomplished but little towards the desired object, and, as the Seventh Department Convention adopted the report of said committee thereby discharging it. (See page 137. Seventh Department Journal) and failing to appoint another, the Department President with the consent of Department Executive Board named Flo Miller, Sallie Steele and Marilla Ward as a Committee to complete the work.

II. Believing that the wishes of the men and women of the State of Illinois will have weight, the committee decided to send to the Corps in this Department the inclosed petitions to the State Legislature urging the passage of the "Relief Corps Flag Bill" which is intended to secure to the schools of Illinois an American flag and provide for the teaching of patriotism and loyalty to our country.

III. It is the desire of Department President that Corps

Presidents call a meeting immediately upon receipt of this order and appoint a committee to circulate these petitions.

IV. After as many signatures as possible have been obtained, these petitions should be sent directly to the men elected from District to the Legislature now assembled at Springfield, not later than February 14, 1891. Every name obtained by every member of the committee should be copied upon each petition. (More paper may be attached to the petitions as needed, as the greater the number of signatures, the greater the influence.)

V. We are glad to note the improvement as to correctness in the quarterly reports and the promptness with which they came to Department Headquarters this quarter, three only being delinquent. Viz: 123, 142, 146.

The delay of 142 was caused by their having to send for a second supply of quarterly blanks. The other two have not been heard from up to date.

By command of

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

Department President.

MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN,

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS, W. R. C.,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
PALESTINE, Feb. 20, 1891.

General Orders }
No. 11. }

I. This report has been received from Mrs. Electa L. Finley, of Quincy.

The following Corps responded to Circular No. 2, toward the Rosa Berryman Fund:

Veteran No. 3, of Elgin.....	\$ 5 00
Dunham, No. 4, of Decatur.....	2 00
Alfred Harrison, No. 5, of Palestine..	2 00
T. Lyle Dickey, No. 15, of Pontiac.....	5 00
Darveau, No. 16, of Morris ..	5 00

Stephenson, No. 17, of Springfield.....	1 00
Potter, No. 18, of Sycamore.....	2 00
Galva, No. 19, of Galva.....	5 00
Nunda, No. 22, of Nunda.....	1 00
Lott, No. 24, of Gibson City.....	2 00
Lacon, No. 26, of Lacon.....	1 00
Graham, No. 28, of Moline.....	2 00
James A. Garfield, No. 31, Magnolia.....	1 00
Union, No. 32, of Augusta.....	5 00
Delavan, No. 35, Delavan.....	3 00
Will C. Robinson, No. 45, of Sterling.....	2 50
John Wood, No. 47, of Quincy.....	10 00
Ellsworth, No. 50, of Oquawka.....	1 00
Harley Wayne, No. 52, of Marengo.....	2 00
Sparta, No. 55, of Sparta.....	2 00
McCoullough, No. 59, Earlsville.....	1 00
Geddes, No. 60, of LaHarpe.....	2 00
Henry Longnecker, No. 63, of Robinson.....	50
Franklin, No. 64, of Monticello.....	1 00
J. P. Lasley, No. 65, of Camp Point.....	1 00
John Buford, No. 66, of Rock Island.....	3 00
Homer, No. 69, of Homer.....	2 00
Alex Simpson, No. 70, of Carthage.....	1 00
Coulterville, No. 77, of Coulterville.....	50
Merritt Simmons, No. 80, of DeKalb.....	1 00
Godfrey Weitzel, No. 81, of Chicago.....	5 00
McDowell, No. 82, East St. Louis.....	2 00
Barrington, No. 85, of Barrington.....	1 00
Warren Stewart, No. 88, of Cairo.....	2 00
Mendell, No. 89, of Springfield.....	2 00
Amos Morey, No. 90, of New Canton.....	30
John McTucker, No. 91, of Barry.....	1 00
Faragut, No. 92, of Chicago.....	5 00
W. H. Wallace, No. 93, of Centralia.....	5 00
Julius A. Pratt, No. 99, of Kewanee.....	2 90
F. D. Hubbell, No. 103, of Hillsborough.....	5 00
George Kridler, No. 106, of Milledgeville.....	1 00
Abraham Lincoln, No. 108, of Chicago.....	5 00
Francis M. Long, No. 110, Taylorville.....	50
Waukegan, No. 117, of Waukegan.....	2 00
Leo W. Meyers, No. 118, of Lincoln.....	1 00
Whipple, No. 119, of Kankakee.....	1 00
Albion, No. 120, of Albion.....	1 00
James T. Shields, No. 121, of Galesburg.....	4 50
Paxton, No. 125, of Paxton.....	1 00
Dan Miles, No. 127, of Enreka.....	5 00
Samuel G. Steadman, No. 130, of Tampico.....	3 00
Oregon, No. 132, of Oregon.....	2 00
Dickerson, No. 134, of Bradford.....	2 00
John Hunter, No. 135 of Minier.....	2 00
Eugene Lyford, No. 139, of Port Byron.....	1 00
Bartleson, No. 140, Joliet.....	1 00
Mulligan, No. 141, of Chicago.....	10 00
E. N. Kirk, No. 142, of Peru.....	2 00
Blue Island, No. 143, Blue Island.....	3 00
Effingham, No. 145, of Effingham.....	2 00
Mound City, No. 148, of Mound City.....	1 00

Woodruff, No. 156, of Washburn.....	5 00
Alton, No. 157, Alton.....	50
Bryner, No. 12, of Peoria.....	2 00
	\$162 20
Interest.....	1 40
Total	\$163 70

DISBURSEMENTS.

For board to February 5, 1891.....	\$ 90 03
Clothing, etc.....	9 83
Total.....	\$ 99 83
Balance on hand.....	63 87

Respectfully submitted,

ELECTA L. FINLEY.

II. We are informed by the President of W. R. C. No. 47 of Quincy, that the above sum has been sufficient to supply all the needs of the child; and now that her father receives a pension the Corps will be relieved from supporting her longer.

III. Contributions for George W. Whisman of the 61st Illinois Veteran, Volunteer Infantry have been received from the following Corps up to date.

No. 54, Arcola.....	\$ 1 0
No. 152, Virden.....	1 05
No. 63, Robinson.....	1 05
No. 50, Oquawka.....	2 00
No. 142, Peru.....	1 60
No. 107, Onarga.....	2 00
No. 96, Du Quoin.....	1 15
No. 62, Washington.....	2 25
No. 71, Chebanse.....	2 50
No. 121, Galesburg.....	2 00
No. 60, La Harpe.....	2 00
No. 166, Ottawa.....	1 90
No. 35, Delavan.....	2 65
No. 89, Springfield.....	1 65
No. 4, Decatur.....	1 00
No. 6, Mommonth.....	85
No. 116, Streator.....	1 70
No. 114, Flora.....	75
No. 36, Gardner.....	1 65
No. 64, Monticello.....	2 50
No. 5, Palestine.....	1 20
No. 144, Dwight.....	1 45
No. 78, Beardstown.....	1 50
No. 94, Marseilles.....	50

No. 82, East St. Louis.	1 45
No. 69, Homer.....	1 50
No. 17, Springfield.....	5 00
No. 156, Washburn.....	85
No. 48, Casey.....	1 00
No. 139, Port Byron.....	1 25
No. 122, Armington.....	1 85
No. 135, Minier.....	90
No. 125, Paxton.....	2 00
No. 18, Sycamore.....	1 00
No. 168, Bement.....	90
No. 154, Minonk.....	75
No. 150, Chicago.....	1 60
No. 80, DeKalb.....	1 50
No. 30, Roseville.....	50
No. 120, Albion.....	2 00
No. 84, Fulton.....	2 15
No. 58, Springfield.....	1 00
No. 10, Aurora.....	5 00
No. 43, LeRoy.....	1 40
No. 77, Coultersville.....	90
No. 22, Nunda.....	1 00
No. 91, Barry.....	2 30
No. 65, Camp Point.....	2 55
No. 113, Plao.....	1 70
No. 37, Sumner.....	1 00

Total amount contributed... \$81 45

IV. In General Orders No. 5, Mrs. Julia G. Sine was appointed Chairman of a Special Committee. Upon request of Mrs. Sine, Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin and Mrs. Minnie M. Kyle were also appointed to assist in the work of the committee.

V. Mrs. Sine informs us that she has not received money enough to accomplish the desired object. Corps who have not sent the amount asked for can address Mrs. Sine at Ravenswood, Ill., her present home.

The address of Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford, Chairman of "Monument Committee" is Taylorville, Christian county, Ill.

VI. Presidents reporting the action of their Corps to Mrs. Bradford will please also give her their number of members.

VII. The Revised Rituals were forwarded in January. Corps not having received the same will notify Department Treasurer.

VIII. Corps that have not sent "Election Returns" to Department I. and I. Officer, Mrs. Charlotte E. Newburn, 356 West Randolph street, Chicago, will forward them at once.

Again we are called to "mourn with those who mourn."

Again the Grand Army of the Republic grieves for the loss of a loved and honored comrade.

By Command of

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

Department President.

MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN,

Department Secretary.

On February 14th, 1891, General William T. Sherman—the beloved of all his comrades, the one great mind that could lead an army to victory, to the sea, and to all the better conditions of American Citizenship—was called from his earthly labors; and now, on the eternal Camping Grounds with those brave heroes gone before, waits the coming of his comrades who linger yet a little while ere the last bugle call summons them to join him.

"Soldier, rest! Thy warfare o'er
Sleep the sleep that knows not breaking;
Dream of battle-fields no more,
Days of danger, nights of waking."

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS, W. R. C., }
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 PALESTINE, March 16, 1891.

General Orders }
 No. 12. }

I. The Eighth Department Convention of the Illinois Woman's Relief Corps will convene at Decatur, Illinois, April 8th, 9th, and 10th, 1891.

The first Baptist church, corner of Water and North streets, has been selected in which to hold Convention.

The first session will be opened at 9 a. m., on the 8th.

"The Brunswick," situated on South Water street, has been chosen by the Committee as Department Headquarters, at which place the Department Executive Board will meet at 4 p. m. Tuesday, April 7th.

The Department Council is hereby called to assemble at same place at 5 p. m., April 7th.

II. Corps No. 4 of Decatur, will give a reception at Grand Opera House, Tuesday, April 7th, at 8 p. m.

Mrs. Mary Sears McHenry, National President W. R. C., and other distinguished visitors are expected to be present.

III. The appointments for Convention are as follows:

Conductor, Mrs. Mary J. Reavis, Corps No. 4.

Guard, Mrs. Mary Brinkman, Corps No. 4.

Assistant Conductor, Mrs. Amazetta Kepley, Corps No. 4.

Assistant Guard, Mrs. Mary Winegardner, Corps No. 4.

Organist, Mrs. Anna L. Hovey, Corps No. 4.

Press Reporter, Mrs. Sarah A. Pringle, Corps No. 4.

Stenographer, Mrs. H. F. Davis, Corps No. 4.

IV. Those desiring information as to board and lodging, will address Mrs. Emma I. Brown, Chairman of Committee on Accommodation, Decatur, Ill.

V. The membership of Department Convention is found in Chapter III., Art. II., Rules and Regulations.

Members of Convention will report at Department Head-

quarters after 4 p. m. on Tuesday, April 7th, and on the morning of the 8th before 9:00 a. m. and receive Delegate's badge.

VI. The Eighth National Convention adopted this recommendation: "That at the earliest opportunity the system of Credential Cards be dispensed with."

In reply to a question concerning this, the National President decided that the "opportunity" is now; therefore no Credentials will be sent to the representatives.

Nos. 41, 111, 127, 157, 164 and 167 have not sent in Election Returns to Department Secretary. They will please do so without further delay as only those whose names have been forwarded on Returns can claim a vote in Convention.

VII. The following is quoted from Department General Orders No. 13 G. A. R.: "The celebration in honor of the Silver Anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic, will take place on Wednesday, April 8th. Grand parade at 1 p. m. Memorial service and camp-fire at 8 p. m.

The Western Passenger Association has made a rate of one fare for the round trip, the reduction to apply from points in Illinois on lines in the territory of the Association. Excursion tickets to be sold April 7, 8, 9, and 10, inclusive; good returning until and including April 11th."

VIII. Secretary's and Treasurer's Blanks "Form A," and "Form B," are enclosed with this Order. Reports are to be retained by Corps until a Circular or General Order is received from the new Department Headquarters.

IX. Attention is called to National General Orders No. 5, which gives instructions concerning the old Rituals.

In answer to the many requests for Rituals, members are respectfully referred to Fifth National Convention Proceedings, page 145, Case IV., which reads, "May an individual member of a Corps purchase and retain as her own property a Ritual of the Woman's Relief Corps?"

"Opinion 4—As Rituals are only issued with Corps Charter, and are property of the Corps and not of individuals, I certainly consider that an indiscriminate issue of Rituals to

Individual members would be wrong and without precedent in any secret organization."

X. The following contributions for Geo. W. Whisman, late private of Co.'s A and G. 61st Illinois Veteran Volunteer Infantry, have been received since the date of last General Order, February 20th:

No. 141, Chicago.....	\$2 50
" 49, Hamilton.....	1 50
" 129, Pawnee.....	80
" 90, New Canton.....	50
" 9, Canton.....	5 00
" 120, Tampico.....	1 50
" 119, Kankakee.....	1 90
" 76, Danville.....	2 00
" 85, Barrington.....	1 75
" 132, Oregon.....	2 00
" 134, Bradford.....	2 05
" 81, Chicago.....	2 60
" 24, Gibson City.....	3 55
" 57, Saybrook.....	2 00
" 99, Kewanee.....	1 25
" 133, Harvard.....	1 65
" 70, Carthage.....	2 45
" 104, Polo.....	1 50
" 46, Ridge Farm.....	60
" 126, Buda.....	2 00
" 109, Jacksonville.....	1 50
" 92, Chicago.....	5 00
" 83, Genoa.....	2 00
" 19, Galva.....	1 20
" 31, Magnolia.....	1 35
" 33, Pectonica.....	2 00
" 128, Tonica.....	1 50
" 34, Macombe.....	2 30
" 1, Rockford.....	7 70
" 21, Farmer City.....	1 00
" 160, Urbana.....	2 11
" 93, Centralia.....	2 50
" 68, Bushnell.....	70
" 66, Rock Island.....	1 35
" 13, Chillicothe.....	1 00
" 157, Alton.....	75
" 131, Atlanta.....	1 70
" 59, Earlville.....	1 00
" 47, Quincy.....	3 59
" 20, Litchfield.....	1 10
" 165, Payson.....	1 25
" 143, Blue Island.....	2 50
" 7, Bloomington.....	5 00
" 67, Metropolis.....	2 10
" 159, Melvin.....	1 45

" 39, Shawneetown.....	1 25
" 110, Taylorville.....	1 60

Eighty cents was donated by individual members of No. 82, making a total of \$96.31. The whole amount received is \$177.76.

A letter has been received from George W. Whisman, in which he says, "Yours of the 7th inst., received with full amount in currency and check. Many thanks to you and the ladies of the W. R. C., of the State of Illinois. I wish you all health and wealth and a pleasant journey through life."

XI. Corps instituted since the issue of General Orders No. 9:

- No. 167, Vermont, Mrs. Nelia Gilson.
- No. 168, Bement, Mrs. Frances M. Jones.
- No. 169, Pekin, Mrs. Eliza A. Hatfield.
- No. 170, Quincy, Mrs. Jennie S. Gruhn.
- No. 171, Mansfield, Mrs. Martha E. Nash.
- No. 172, Tolono, Mrs. Annetta L. Hill.

XII. The Department Treasurer's books will be closed March 31st. All persons indebted to Department will settle accounts before that date.

XIII. Retiring Department Officers will please arrange to turn over to their successors badges, books, or any other Department property in their hands at close of Convention.

XIV. The Department Secretary must be immediately notified of any change in officers or delegates of any Corps so that the same may be noted on Election Returns.

Dear Sisters, in this, my last General Order, let me thank you all for so cheerfully responding to every call for relief, and for your earnest efforts for the advancement of the order.

Throw aside all strife except the noble endeavor to excel in good works,

Ever keep before you the objects of this fraternal organization and remain true to the principles of the W. R. C.

By command of

DELILAH A. LEAVERTON,

Department President.

MARTHA LINDSEY MARTIN,

Department Secretary.

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